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SPANIARDS SAY SEIZED STEAMER HAD CONTRABAND

German Indignation Now Apparently Cooling BERLIN CIRCLES DENY WAR CRAFT SENT TO BILBAO

Bayonne, Dec. 28.

A spokesman for the Basque Government has issued a formal statement to the effect that the seized German steamer Palos, captured by Government patrol vessels in the Bay of Biscay on December 24, carried contraband war materials.

The statement adds that the German captain was hailed and refused to disclose the nature of his cargo and that he destroyed compromising documents before the Palos arrived at Bilbao.—Reuter.

GERMAN IRE COOLS

Berlin, Dec. 28.

Evidence that Germany is hoping to settle the Palos affair without a display of force was forthcoming from official circles to-day.

No fresh warships have been despatched to Spain, it is stated. Yesterday it was reported that ships had been rushed to Bilbao, where the Palos is held.

To-day's attitude contrasts strongly with the statements made Saturday and there is now a disposition to minimise the whole affair.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

Government Successes

Madrid, Dec. 28.

The Spanish Government claims considerable successes in yesterday's fighting, which lasted until nightfall. It is stated that milliammen completely cleared the Cornudas roads and that communications with the Government positions in Aravaca have been re-established. The lines of communication with Pozuelo have also been cleared, it is said.

The Government claims to have inflicted heavy losses on the insurgents in these areas and to have captured five of the rebels' armoured car fleet.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

Many Priests Slain

Avila, Dec. 28.

Monsieur Gorn, President of Spain, and Archbishop of Toledo, has returned here from Rome, where he was twice received by His Holiness Pope Pius.

The Primate is reported to have declared that 10 Bishops and 5,000 priests out of a total of 35,000, have been killed since the outbreak of the civil war.—Reuter.

Embassy Move Explained

London, Dec. 28.

The transfer of the British Embassy from Madrid to Valencia is due to the fact that there seems no prospect of an early return of a Spanish Government to Madrid. Hence, the British representative, Mr. V. C. W. Forbes, is not in a good position to maintain close contact with important political authorities.

Moreover, measures to supply the Embassy staff with the necessary provisions are becoming increasingly difficult.

With regard to the voluntary relief expeditions and organisations, it is pointed out that Mr. Forbes will be able to visit Madrid periodically and give them the necessary assistance.—Reuter.

Detailed Arrangements

London, Dec. 28.

His Majesty's Government has decided to instruct Mr. Ogilvie-Forbes, British Charge d'Affaires at Madrid, to close the Embassy and to withdraw his staff and remaining British subjects to Valencia, present seat of the Spanish Government.

As regards humanitarian and relief work, the Spanish Government has now made, through the League of Nations, efforts to obtain the services of such experts as they consider necessary, and will consider the reports of these experts before taking any further decision.

Unless the Spanish Government has received reports of these experts the question of organised international relief measures does not arise.

Further, in regard to voluntary organisations already at work in Spain, and which are allowed to continue their individual activities, it will no doubt be possible for Mr. Forbes to visit Madrid periodically and give them the necessary assistance.—Reuter.

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Russia And Japan Sign New Treaty

Moscow, Dec. 28.

A protocol establishing a temporary basis for continuation of the Russo-Japanese fisheries treaty has been signed here by representatives of the two Governments. It is for the period of 1937 only.

It was recently reported that Russia would refuse to renew the recently announced German-Japanese anti-Communist treaty.—Reuter.

RUSSIA, FRANCE BLAMED

FOR INTERVENTION
IN SPAIN
GERMANY'S
ATTITUDE

Berlin, Dec. 28.

Franco-British representations regarding the maintenance of the non-intervention agreement in Spain were to-day characterised in an official commentary as diplomatic notes "delivered to the wrong address."

The German authorities maintain that they made the first far-reaching proposals regarding the prevention of foreign volunteers taking service in Spain, but the success of their efforts were sabotaged from the beginning by the attitude of the Soviet Union and leaders in France. The damage caused by this attitude can scarcely be repaired by belated diplomatic activity, the commentary adds.

It seems unlikely that an immediate reply will be given to the Anglo-French questions, put forward with a view to obtaining the German attitude and clarifying the situation. The spokesman described these questions as "not entirely simple."—Reuter.

POPE'S CONDITION PAINFUL

Vatican City, Dec. 28.

The condition of His Holiness the Pope is unchanged and he is still suffering from intermittent pains in the legs, due to the fact that the varicose ulcers are not responding to treatment.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

GOVERNOR WATCHES SPECTACULAR BLAZE AT MONGKOK



The above picture, by a staff photographer, shows firemen engaged in battling with the flames in the disastrous timberyard fire at Mongkok yesterday. Inset is H. E. the Governor, snapped at the fire, which he visited on returning from Fanling.

DURBAR BOYCOTT PLANNED

BUT INDIANS BEAR
NO ILL-WILL
DISCOURTESY
NOT MEANT

Faizpur, Dec. 28.

The National Congress, 30,000 of whose members are gathered here, including Mahatma Gandhi, to-day passed a resolution rejecting the new Government of India Act of 1935.

The resolution reiterates the demand of the Congress for a constituent assembly, elected by adult suffrage for the purpose of drafting a new Constitution.

The question of the acceptance of office by Congressmen will be decided after the provincial elections.

A resolution declaring that Congressmen cannot participate in celebrations that might be held in India in connection with the coronation of His Majesty King George VI, was also passed, though it was made clear that the resolution was in no way intended to express ill-will or discourtesy to the King's person.—Reuter.

Plane Wreck Found, But No Sign Of Life

AIRMEN LOCATE BIG
LINER'S DEBRIS
FEAR 12 DEAD
IN SMASH

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.

Aerial searches to-day located the wreckage of a big multiple-engined airliner, which is believed to have carried 12 persons to their deaths.

The wreck lay on a mountainside near Sapas, 35 miles north of Los Angeles, the fuselage wedged into the rocky ridge and the wing some distance away.

There was no sign of life. It is believed all 12 occupants are dead.

A ground searching party, directed by planes, motored by rough mountain roads to a point two miles distant from the wreckage, and are struggling the remainder of the way afoot through brush, timber and rock-fall, having left ambulances and hearses on the road.

The plane has not yet been positively identified.—United Press.

POLISH TRAGEDY

Warsaw, Dec. 28.

An accumulation of ice on the wings of the machine, was responsible for the crash of a Polish airliner between Lwow and Warsaw to-day in which four were killed and three seriously injured of the ten passengers and crew aboard.—Reuter Special.

HOME FOOTBALL LONDON TEAMS WIN BRILLIANTLY SUNDERLAND'S REVENGE

London, Dec. 28.

Brilliant away victories were scored to-day by Arsenal, Brentford and Charlton, leaders in the first division of the English Football League, while Sunderland, who also figure at the top of the table, had their revenge on Birmingham by winning at home 4-0.

The complete results in all four leagues, as cable-d by Reuter, follow.

FIRST DIVISION

Bolton	0	Manchester U.	4
Chelsea	1	Stoke City	0
Derby	3	Everton	1
Huddersfield	4	Wolves	0
Liverpool	1	West	1
Manchester C.	1	Bromwich	2
Middlesbrough	4	Grimsby	1
Portsmouth	0	Leeds	2
Preston	0	Charlton	1
Sheffield W.	0	Arsenal	3
Sunderland	4	Brentford	2
		Birmingham	0

SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa	6	Chesterfield	2
Barnsley	1	Leicester	2
Blackpool	3	Fulham	1
Bradford C.	2	Notts F.	1
Bury	2	Sheffield U.	0
Doncaster	2	Burnley	0
Norwich	1	Newcastle	5
Southampton	1	Coventry	1
Swansea	0	Plymouth	1
Tottenham	5	Blackburn	1
West Ham	1	Bradford	1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	1	Southend	0
Aldershot	1	Millwall	0
Bristol Rovers	0	Gillingham	3
Cardiff City	0	Q. Rovers	2
Clapton Orient	2	Walsall	0
Crystal Palace	1	Bristol City	0
Exeter	0	Queens Fr.	3
Newport	2	Northampton	1
Notts County	2	Luton	1
Swindon	1	Reading	0
Watford	1	Brighton	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Crawley	2	Mansfield	0
Darlington	0	Gateshead	0
Halifax	1	Chesham	0
Hartlepool	2	York	0
Oldham	2	Carlisle	1
Port Vale	1	Accrington	1
Rotherham	3	Lincoln	1
Stockport	3	New Brighton	1

The matches between Wrexham and Hull City, Tranmere and Rochdale and Southport and Barrow, were not played.

CORONATION PLANS

London, Dec. 28.

The Office of Works will take possession of Westminster Abbey next week with a view to preparations for the Coronation ceremony in May. The Abbey will be re-opened to public in August.—British Wireless.

BRITAIN, CANADA FALL OUT

OVER TRADE PACT
WITH AMERICA
U.K. DEMANDS
PREFERENCE

Ottawa, Dec. 28.

The year-old Canadian-American reciprocal trade agreement threatens to disrupt the Dominion's negotiations with the United Kingdom for revision of the Ottawa agreements.

Great Britain is asking for "a guarantee margin" of preferential treatment, as against the United States, since Britain gives Canada such preference over American products of great variety. Britain wants this anomaly corrected in the revised agreement with Canada. The fact is that the United Kingdom construes Canada's pact with the United States as impairing the value of British preference under the Ottawa Treaty.

Canada, however, is reluctant to give Britain the desired "guarantee margin" of preference, since the Liberal Government, under Mr. W. L. Mackenzie-King, hopes to widen the scope of the agreement with the United States in order to increase the reciprocal trade between the two neighbour nations.—United Press.

Well-Known H.K. Business Man Dies

30 YEARS RESIDENT
IN COLONY

A large circle of friends will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. William McKenzie Pittendrigh, principal of the firm of Pittendrigh and Wilson, importers and exporters, which occurred at the War Memorial Hospital at four o'clock this morning. He succumbed to pneumonia after an illness which lasted only a week.

The late Mr. Pittendrigh, who was 55 years of age, had resided in the Colony for a period of 30 years. He was extremely well-known and very popular amongst his friends. He first came to Hongkong to join the legal firm of Deacon, Looker and Deacon, and later joined the German Import and export firm of Arndt and Co. Subsequently, he served in France in the Great War with the Northumberland Fusiliers, being badly wounded.

When the war was over, Mr. Pittendrigh returned to Hongkong and started the firm of Pittendrigh and Wilson, with which he had ever since been associated as head.

Deceased leaves a wife and five children, who are at Home, with whom much sympathy will be felt.

The funeral takes place this evening, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

BIRCHING AND FLOGGING

HOME COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE

London, Dec. 28.

In conformity with the announcement made by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons before the Christmas adjournment, it is understood that a Committee will shortly be appointed to enquire into birching and flogging.

The value of punishments as a deterrent will be investigated and the objections advanced by penal reformers on psychological grounds will be considered. The type of offences for which flogging is a suitable punishment will also be reviewed.—British Wireless.

THE ROYAL FAMILY

London, Dec. 28.

At Sandringham, Queen Mary is slowly recovering from the cold which kept her indoors throughout Christmas. The King spent the day with a shooting party including the Duke of Gloucester and the Earl of Athlone. The Queen and Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose joined the party for a picnic lunch.—British Wireless.

ROOSEVELT'S SON TO WED AN HEIRESS



Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., son of the most democratic Democrat the United States has ever had for President, has become engaged to the daughter of one of America's greatest millionaires. She is Miss Ethel Du Pont, daughter of the house, which controls an enormous munitions industry and has interests in mines, steel mills, transportation and utilities.

SERIOUS LABOUR DISPUTE

FRENCH WORKERS
MAKE DEMANDS

MAY IMPEDE
NAVAL PLAN

Paris, Dec. 28.

Another set-back threatens France's naval programme, in the shape of a serious labour conflict in shipyards involving over 12,000 men.

A meeting has been called for to-night and it is expected the men will denounce the recently achieved labour contract with employers, owing to an alleged rise in the cost of living. They will probably demand a 15 per cent. increase in wages.

A dispute has also arisen in the famous Penhoat Yard, where the one-time Queen of the Atlantic, the Normandie, was built. In view of the recent introduction, on labour's demand, of a 40-hour week here, employers are declining to give extra holidays at Christmas and New Year.—Reuter.

Germany Goes Slowly

PRESERVES TRADE
PACT WITH REDS

Berlin, Dec. 28.
The trade and financial agreement between Germany and the Soviet has been prolonged for another year. Meanwhile, an increase in the number of Labour Service men by 50 per cent. during the coming year and a half years was announced by Labour Service Leader Hiel to-day.

He declared that Herr Adolf Hitler's four-year plan had confronted them with a great and beautiful task.

Herr Hiel also forecast the doubling of the number of girls in the Labour Service.—Reuter Special.

BUSY CHRISTMAS AT HOME

RECORD POST OFFICE
ACTIVITY

London, Dec. 28.
Christmas traffic both through the Post Office and on the railways exceeded even the expectations of officials, who were prepared for large increases on last year's figures, in view of the many signs of greater prosperity.
In two days, the Post Office delivered 200,000,000 letters, while deliveries of parcels on Christmas Day were seventy-five per cent. greater than last year.—British Wireless.

Page For Women

KNIT THIS Viennese Pullover IN BROWN AND WHITE

VIENNESE designers have a reputation for producing chic jumpers and woolies. So the Home Page Editor has arranged for readers to have the exclusive instructions for knitting the pretty Viennese pullover illustrated here.

The model looks very smart knitted in brown and white, but you could of course choose other colours to suit your pet colour scheme. It's in a cunningly ribbed design, quite simple to work. Twenty rows make a pattern.

BACK

USING brown wool, cast on 72 sts. and work 28 rows in k. 2, p. 2, rib for welt, dec. at end of last row (71 sts. now on needle). K. 1 row, then proceed in ptn. as follows:

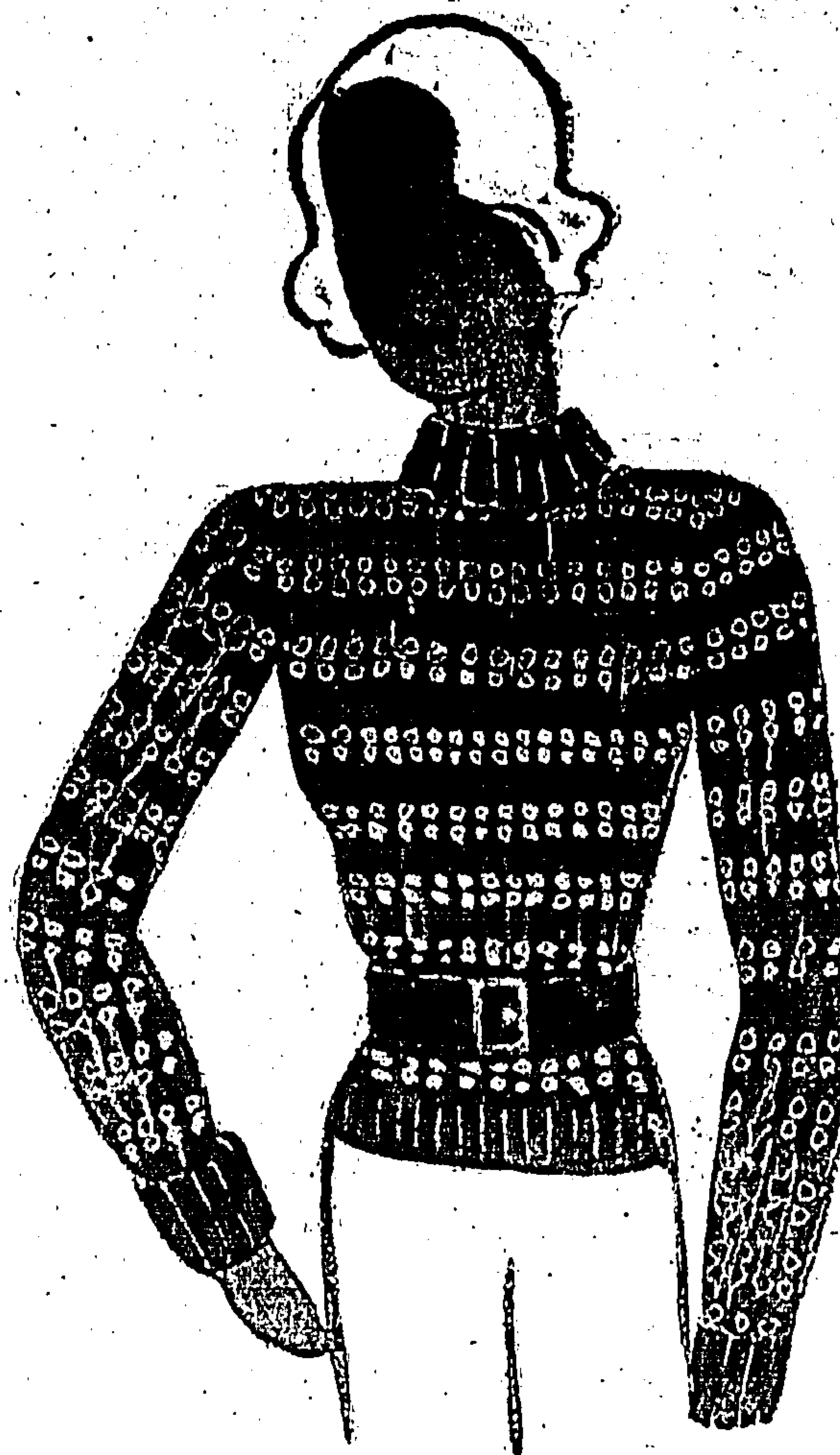
Row 1.—Using brown wool, p. 3.

MENU

Thick Vegetable Soup
Roast Rabbit
Steamed Chocolate Pudding

CUT up any sorts of raw vegetables you have, potatoes, carrots, a little celery, turnip, one or two young cabbage leaves, onions or shallots, and stew them for a few minutes in a little butter. Add water, salt, bring to the boil and boil until the vegetables are done. Rub through a coarse sieve, correct the seasoning, and serve.

Have the rabbit trussed for roasting, rub it all over with a little made mustard, bind it round and round with rashers of fat bacon, and bake it in the oven like a chicken, allowing about an hour.



* w.r.n., a. the next st., p. 3, rep. from * to end.
Row 2.—K. 3, * w.r.n., a. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie behind the s. st., k. 3, rep. from * to end.
Row 3.—P. 3, * w.r.n., a. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie in front of the s. st., p. 3, rep. from * to end.
Row 4.—As Row 2.

Row 5.—P. 3, * s. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie in front of s. st. Now you will see 4 horizontal bars lying in front of s. st., take the right-hand needle p. ways under the 4 bars and work a p. st., out of the 4 bars and the s. st., p. 3, rep. from * to end.

(Check the number of sts.; there should be 71, as at beginning.)

Row 6.—K. 3, * w.r.n., a. the next st., k. 3, rep. from * to end.
Row 7.—P. 3, * w.r.n., a. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie in front of s. st., p. 3, rep. from * to end.

Row 8.—K. 3, * w.r.n., a. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie behind the s. st., k. 3, rep. from * to end.

Row 9.—As Row 7.

Row 10.—K. 3, * s. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie behind the s. st. Now you will see 4 horizontal bars lying behind the s. st., take the right-hand needle k. ways under the 4 bars and work a k. st., out of the 4 bars and the s. st., k. 3, rep. from * to end.

(Check the sts. again, there should be 71 as before.)

Row 11.—Change to white wool, p. 1, cont. from * in Row 1, p. 1, at end.

Row 12.—K. 1, cont. from * in Row 2, k. 1 at end.

Row 13.—P. 1, cont. from * in Row 3, p. 1 at end.

Row 14.—As Row 12.

Row 15.—Change to brown wool, p. 1, cont. from * in Row 5, p. 1 at end.

Row 16.—Change to white wool, k. 1, cont. from * in Row 6, k. 1 at end.

Row 17.—P. 1, cont. from * in Row 7, p. 1 at end.

Row 18.—K. 1, cont. from * in Row 8, k. 1 at end.
Row 19.—As Row 17.
Row 20.—Change to brown wool, k. 1, cont. from * in Row 10, k. 1 at end.

These 20 rows form the ptn., the colours having been worked in the following orders, 10 brown, 4 white, 1 brown, 4 white, 1 brown.

Rep these 20 rows 9 times, then shape shoulders by casting 21 sts. at both ends of next row leaving remaining sts. on st., holder for neck.

FRONT

CAST on 100 sts. and work 28 rows in k. 2, p. 2, rib for welt, dec. 1 st. at end of last row. Proceed in ptn. as for back, working over 99 instead of 71 sts. until 6 white stripes have been worked, ending after the 20th row.

Work Rows 1 to 5, then cont. thus.

ARMHOLES

FIRST cast off 10 sts., then cont. as Row 6 to end.
Next Row.—Cast off 10 sts., cont. as Row 7 to end.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 8 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next Row.—Work as Row 9, dec. at each end of needle.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row

10 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next row.—Work as Row 11, dec. at each end of needle.

Cont. in ptn. over remaining 71 sts. until 6 white stripes have been worked ending after the 20th row. Work rows 1 to 5, then cont. thus.

NECK

WORK 20 sts. as Row 6 and transfer to st. holder, cast off 10 sts. loosely for neck, work 20 sts. in ptn. to armhole edge.

Cont. in ptn. dec. at neck edge at beg. of every front row until 21 sts. remain, then work without further dec. until the 20th row of 10th ptn. from welt is completed.

SHOULDER

CAST off 7 sts., cont. as Row 1 to neck edge.

Next row.—Work as Row 2 to cast off sts.

Next row.—Cast off 7 sts., cont. as Row 3 to neck edge.

Next row.—Work as Row 4 to cast off sts.

Next row.—Cast off 7 sts.

Transfer sts. from st. holder to needle, cont. as Row 7 to armhole edge.

Cont. in ptn. dec. at end of every front row until 21 sts. remain then work without further dec. over 21

Note to Knitters

YOU WILL NEED

Four ounces of 3-ply "Ramada" in brown, 3oz. of the same wool and ply in white, a pair of No. 11 needles, and a set of No. 11 sock needles.

MEASUREMENTS

Length, 19ins., width round pullover measured under arms, 34ins.; sleeve seam, 19 ins.

TENSION

Eight sts. in width and 14 rows in depth to 1in. of knitting.

ABBREVIATIONS

K., knit; p., purl; st., stitch; w.r.n., wool round needle making a st.; s., slip; ptn., pattern; cont., continue; rep., repeat; beg., beginning; dec., decrease or decreasing; inc., increase or increasing.

NOTE

S.sts. should be worked p.ways on wrong side of work and k.ways on right.

sts. until both armholes are equal in depth.

Shape shoulder as before by casting off 7 sts. 3 times.

SLEEVES

(both worked alike)

BEG. at lower edge and using brown wool cast on 48 sts. and work 4 ins. in k. 2, p. 2, rib.

K. 1 row inc. 2 sts., at one end of needle, and one at the other end.

Cont. in ptn. as for body, inc. at each end of needle in every 11th row (i.e., when beg. a white stripe), until 9 ptns. have been worked above cuff, ending after the 20th row.

TOP OF SLEEVE

CAST off 5 sts. at beg. of the next 2 rows, then dec. at beg. of every row until 2 white stripes have been worked from beg. of armhole, shaping ending after the 10th row of ptn.

Work 7 more rows, dec. at both ends of each, cast off remaining sts.

COLLAR

JOIN the shoulders. Beg. at left shoulder, pick-up and k. 42 sts. down side of neck, ending at centre front.

Using the 2nd needle pick-up and k. 41 sts. from centre front to right shoulder.

Using the 3rd needle k. the 20 sts. from st. holder at back of neck (112 sts. on 3 needles).

Work 34 rounds in k. 2, p. 2, rib, then still working in ptn. cast off all sts. loosely.

MAKING UP

SEW sleeves into armholes and press pullover lightly iron over a damp cloth.

Do not press, or stretch the ribbed parts.

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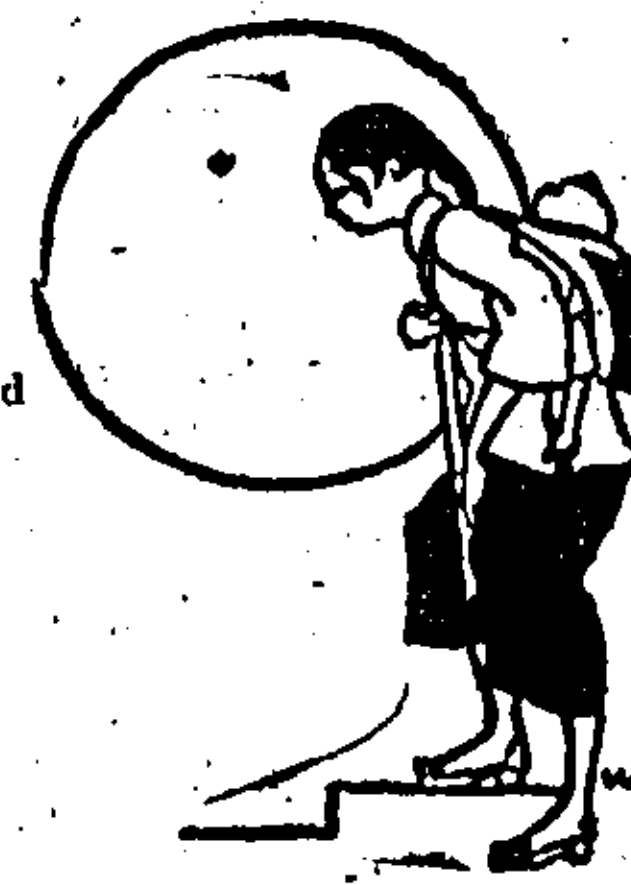
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How to LOOK LOVELY in a COLD SNAP

by . . .
Jean Cleland

A SUDDEN cold snap has a devastating effect on one's good looks. Face, hands, and even hair seem to acquire a dry, starved appearance which is not only unbecoming but definitely harmful if left unattended.

Once a week at least it is advisable in such weather to give oneself a thorough nourishing treatment.

It need not take very long, and the difference it makes to the appearance and in keeping the skin supple and young is enormous.

For simple home use almond oil is one of the very best things you can have. It is equally good for the scalp, the face, and the finger-nails, and all can be done at one and the same time.

To give yourself a really effective treatment you need a small bottle of the oil and a lump of ice.

Stand a cup that is half-filled with oil in a basin of hot water. Let it remain until it is nicely hot, then start with the hair.

Make small partings all over the head and rub the oil well in, either with the tips of the fingers or with a small pad of cotton-wool.

When the whole scalp has been done place the fingers underneath the hair at the back of the head, right at the base, and massage vigorously up towards the crown, moving the scalp as you do so.

I can stress too often the necessity for seeing that you actually make the scalp move when you massage, for this is what promotes the circulation.

Be careful not to use too much oil—just a spot on the fingers is enough

—otherwise you will make your hair too greasy.

In any case, it is as well to do the treatment the night before shampooing, so that the oil can soak in during the night and then be washed out the next day.

For Facial Beauty

After the scalp, the face. First soak a pad of cotton-wool in the oil, and use it as a cleanser, wiping it all over the face until all make-up is removed.

Now wring a large cloth or towel out in hot water and place it over the skin. As it cools wring it out again and replace it.

Do this once or twice until the skin is warm and pliant; then, before it has time to cool, massage in a plentiful supply of the oil.

Sometimes during the cold weather the eyes get a puffy and wrinkled look underneath. In this case, it is better to use a little muscle oil round this particular area.

While the oil in this smooths away the wrinkles, it also possesses astringent qualities which tighten up the puffiness.

Allow this to soak into the face while you rub the remainder of the oil round the base of your nails. This is good for softening the cuticles and for preventing the nails from breaking.

Leave a little on the fingers to soak in while you remove the oil from your face with a soft cloth or paper tissues.

You will notice, as you do this, how much softer the skin feels. All the tight, stretched feeling caused by the wind will have completely disappeared.

When all the oil has been wiped off, it is most important to close the pores.

Soak four large pads of cotton-wool in water as cold as you can get it, wring them out, then saturate with tonic. Place one pad on each cheek, and another on the forehead, and another under the chin.

Fix these in place with a piece of gauze, or strip of material passed round the face, and tied tightly on top of the head.

In order to make the treatment really effective, and to brace the skin, now take your piece of ice, and rub it briskly on top of the pads of cotton-wool, over the cheeks, forehead, and under the chin.

Not Too Drastic

While ice used directly on the skin is apt to be too much of a shock, this way of rubbing it on top of the wool is excellent.

Incidentally, it is a good way of preventing a double chin.

Continue with the rubbing until the skin feels really cold. Then take off the pads, apply some foundation cream, and make-up as usual.

If you would care to have any further advice with regard to your individual skin, please write to me, as usual.



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Tricksters Raid Madrid Gold

EUROPEAN tricksters have been reaping a rich harvest from the Spanish Red Government.

The London *Sunday Dispatch* recently revealed how a £1,000,000 cargo of Government arms was diverted to General Franco, and how another £400,000 consignment of "arms" turned out to be scrap-iron packed in boxes.

WHEN General Franco began his campaign there was only a limited quantity of arms in Spain. Gold had to be shipped to Paris to form credits for the purchase of arms.

The man entrusted with the disposal of from £10,000,000 to £15,000,000 was Otero, a Spanish doctor, fanatically socialist, fanatically honest, but inexperienced in the wiles of the shadier side of the arms business.

With him were appointed unknown, fourth-rate military officers, also without technical knowledge, and a few Party men—middle-class people who had spent in shillings and pounds, and were now to spend in hundreds of thousands.

DOUBLE-CROSSING

It was considered advisable to assemble stocks in the free port of Danzig, whence they could be transferred indirectly to September. It was decided to send a huge shipment of nearly 2,000 tons of small arms and ammunition in a Greek steamer.

The cost of this cargo to the Spanish Government, in payment for the goods, freight, Mexican

import licences, and largesse of every kind for intermediaries, exceeded £1,000,000, which was about 100 per cent. above normal value.

On October 2 the ship left Danzig, ostensibly for Vera Cruz, in Mexico, actually for Alicante.

But here is the amazing part of the story. Someone had given a hint to Franco.

Three weeks before, Franco's intelligence system, mainly composed of highly educated and trustworthy men of the old regime, acting on the hint, had found out the nature of the cargo and its Spanish destination.

The ship was promptly seized by one of Franco's cruisers which lay in wait for her, and taken to Franco's Moroccan port, Ceuta.

So the Government had paid over £1,000,000 to provide the patriots with a big cargo of arms and munitions.

AEROPLANE TRICK

Before the imposition of the embargo the Government had been badly stung.

It bought 27 railway-wagon loads of material in Hamburg and Ant-

werp, which left for Spain via France.

On arrival over the Spanish frontier, the wagons were found to be filled with miscellaneous scrap iron carefully packed in boxes resembling those the buyers had seen when they purchased the arms.

The value of this consignment exceeded £400,000—and the sellers, of course, just vanished with the money.

Aeroplanes were a vital necessity, so the Government's emissaries, having unlimited money to spend, bought up everything available.

£150 A TRIP

Aeroplanes bought in countries not too distant from Spain were flown there, the volunteer pilots being paid a flat rate of £100 to £150, plus their return expenses, for each trip.

The embargo, however, did not prevent several "bright" lads from going merrily on with profitable sales to Spain—with this difference; that, after receiving the price of the machine in hard cash, plus a fee of £150 for flying it to Spain, they took off in the required direction, vanished from sight, and landed at quiet spots in their own countries, knowing full well that the purchasers had no redress!

About £150,000 of Spanish Government money was dissipated in this way.

Plausible, well-dressed individuals ingratiated themselves with the Spanish Government agents by promising to produce all sorts of stocks of war materials.

As time went by, and the goods were not forthcoming, the excuse was put forward that the owners had become aware of the overwhelming demand and were holding out on a rising market for higher prices.

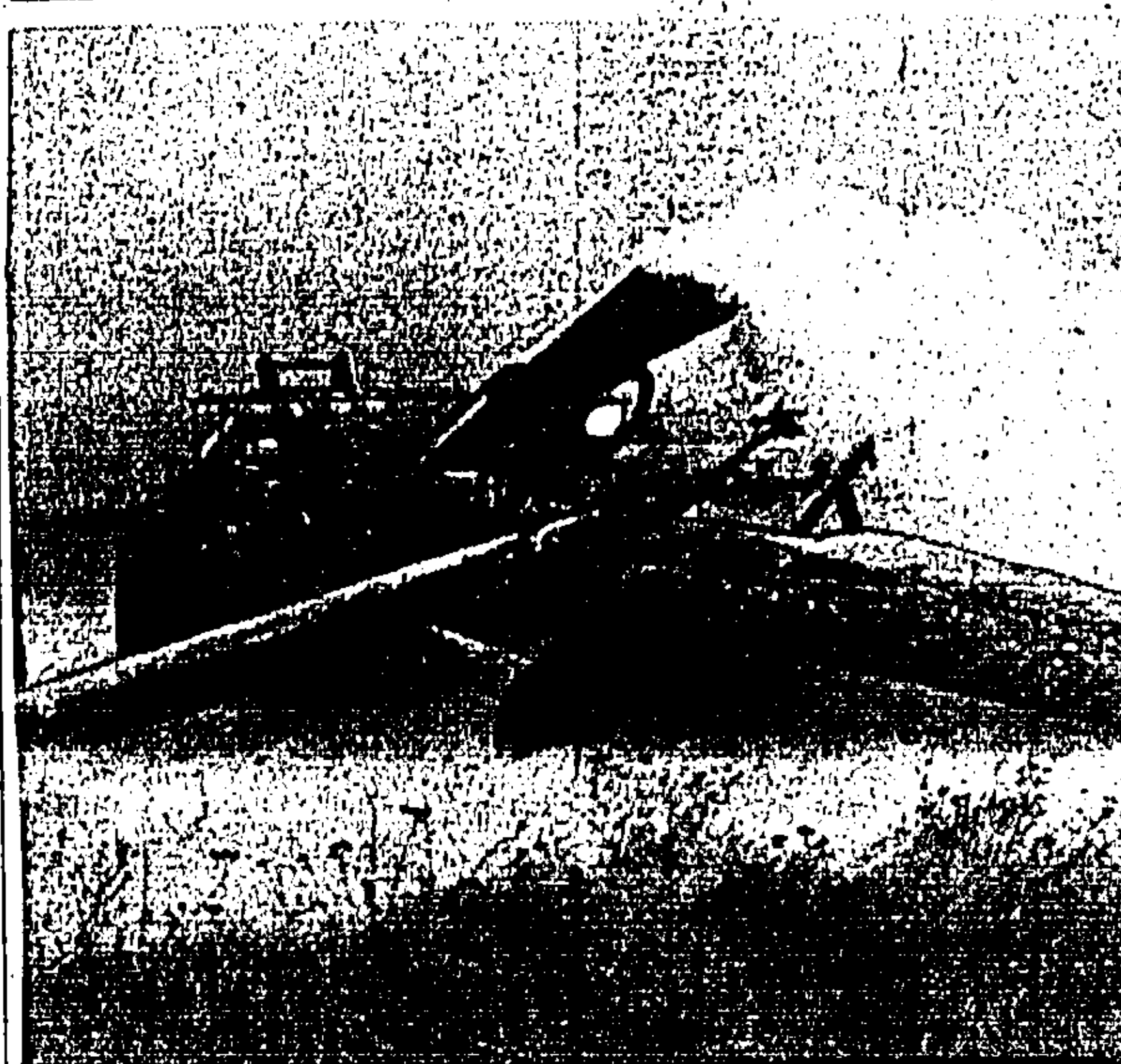
Eventually, when the game was getting too hot for them, the crooks left for unknown destinations with their bags full of "preliminary expenses."

One Spanish agent parted with £12,000 to purchase a mythical "option."

Another, after a well-conducted—too well-conducted—tour of a small Baltic country, parted with £25,000 to his comparatively unknown conductor as ten per cent. payment on the goods he had inspected.

He is still seeking the whereabouts of the amiable guide and confidence trickster!

In spite of all these lessons and difficulties, huge sums of money are still in the possession of the Spanish authorities in Paris, besides the two million or so pounds "subscribed" by Soviet Russia.



This motorised fire-extinguishing apparatus was successfully demonstrated at Bourget Airport recently. In less than one minute the fire from a petrol tank in an airplane was extinguished.

JEALOUS PRINCESS SHOOTS HUSBAND

Mexico City, Dec. 18.

PRINCE VLADIMIR NIGER-ATZE, handsome, wealthy Georgian, was killed in a fashionable street here to-day when his 30-year-old New York-born Italian wife fired five shots at him from a revolver.

The prince was leaving the home of the Finnish vice-consul, Leo Cranova, of whose wife, Russian pianist Zena Prochorova, the princess was jealous.

GAVE ALL HER MONEY

The princess, a small attractive brunette, was prevented by passers-by from shooting herself. She told the police the prince had treated her badly after she gave him all her money to form a soap factory.

She is now hysterical and moans for her son and daughter whom, it is alleged, she deserted when she divorced her first husband, a Mexican general.

The general obtained custody of the children and settled a mansion and several thousand dollars on her.

After a whirlwind courtship she married the prince, former White Russian leader. She was an accomplished musician and dancer, and a popular hostess.

Last night they entertained a party of prominent people.

LAW SUIT OVER PORK CHOP

A pork chop led to a King's Bench Division action recently when Mr. Eugene Aron, of Hutton Bridge, King's Langley, Herts., alleged that he was ill following a lunch in October, 1935, at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall.

He claimed damages against Automobile Proprietary Ltd., owners of the club.

Mr. Roland Oliver, K.C., said that Mr. Aron ate oysters, a pork chop and milk pudding at the lunch. That night he had his evening meal with his family. This consisted of chicken, and none of the others suffered any ill-effects.

Mr. Aron, however, woke up in the night violently ill and he did not fully recover until the end of the year.

There was no question about the trouble being caused by oysters. Dr. F. J. Aldridge, of Watford, who was called in to attend to Mr. Aron, said he made a test and detected the presence of bacillus gartneri, a very virulent bacillus. Pork was one of the most likely foodstuffs to be contaminated by it.

Under cross-examination, the doctor said that Mr. Aron suffered from "gastro-enteritis" which he thought to be due to food-poisoning, though gastro-enteritis might be produced by other causes.

The hearing was adjourned.

Luck Still Holds

THIRTY-FOUR YEAR-OLD Armand Spillers, King of the Paris underworld, who escaped twice from Devil's Island and three times from French prisons, was, by a stroke of luck, given a new chance to-day.

The second day of his trial for murder at the Pau Assizes discovered that the foreman of the jury, M. Pierre D'Iriart, was unqualified to act as a jurymen.

The judge declared a mistrial, adjourned the case until the next assizes.

Spillers sat dazed as he heard the judge's decision. For two days, under a barrage of questions from the judge, he has remained obstinately silent, loyal to the rigid "code of honour" of the French underworld, even though it might cost him his head.

With tears in his eyes the man who has braved Venezuelan swamps in his dash for liberty, refused to betray the members of his gang.

Said he, "I cannot tell you. I have sworn on the heads of my wife and little girl not to do so." He added, with a break in his voice, "I did not come back to France to steal, but to embrace my wife and daughter before going away to start life afresh."

Outside the court the crowd hooted and whistled when they learned of the decision to postpone the trial.

While troops and special police guarded the building, Spillers, chained and manacled, was hurried by six armed warders into a prison van, taken to Pau Prison.

There, in a small cell, the man who has given the French police more worry than any other criminal in recent years will be watched day and night.

The authorities are taking every precaution that Spillers's friends shall not help him to add another escape to his long list before the next assizes open.

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GAOL "HOUDINI" IS TRIED—IN CHAINS

ARMAND SPILLERS, 35-year-old convict "escape king," who has broken out of prison five times in ten years, had his feet chained so heavily to-day that he could hardly walk to the court where he is facing a charge of murdering a policeman.

He was handcuffed, too. He said to his anxious guards: "I give you my word that I will not escape—until the sentence is passed."

The judge outlined his record: Escaped from Loos (Belgium) Prison in 1925; sent to 15 years' penal servitude in Guiana in 1926; escaped 1929, but was caught in the forest; broke clear a year later and reached Venezuela.

Spillers took up the story—worked two years in Venezuela; saved money; returned to France and lived under a false name—with his wife and daughter.

DOG BETRAYED HIM

Bought a small cule in Paris; prospered, then sold out and retired to a small house.

Last January a man kicked his dog. Spillers drew a revolver. He was arrested, identified and sent to the Sainte Prison.

He escaped two months later by sawing the iron bars of his cell window.

Recently police were called to a burgled jewel shop at St. Jean de Luz.

As a policeman entered he was shot dead. The burglar escaped. Spillers was arrested a few hours later and charged with the crime.

THE EMPTY CELL

He was taken to Bayonne Prison. One morning the warders found his cell empty. He was recaptured a few days later.

To-day Spillers denied shooting at the policeman.

He remains in chains.

"Giving The Child A Name"

A CAUSE OF UNHAPPY MARRIAGES

The importance of conciliation in matrimonial cases to prevent them from reaching the Courts was emphasised by Mr. Claud Mullins, the South-Western (London) Police Court Magistrate, in an address to the Liverpool Personal Service Society recently.

Quoting seven months' figures from his own Court, he said that out of 220 summonses issued only 80 couples were separated. The majority agreed mutually to separate.

Many women did not consider the question of how they were going to live. "After obtaining a separation," Mr. Mullins added, "a lot of women think that if they get a Court order it is as good as an order on the Bank of England."

Mr. Mullins said that at least half the cases in his Court concerned marriages prompted by a complete lack of complete with trenches and dugouts, and also some new kind of game which is played on a chessboard with miniature shells and bombs, and is claimed by the makers to introduce children to military tactics.

War Taught in Schools

BERLIN EXHIBITION FOR CHILDREN

Games Played With Bombs And Shells

By A Correspondent

Berlin, Dec. 18.

Berlin schoolteachers and children are going in large numbers to see an exhibition, organised by the National Socialist Teachers' League, the object of which is to show how interest in Germany's preparations for war, and the military spirit can be stimulated in the schools.

The exhibition has been given the name "National community-defensive community."

Painted in large letters on the wall run the following words of Herr Baldur von Schirach, the Reich Youth Leader: "No child, schoolboy or schoolgirl, may leave school without the desire to be in life and death a mortal enemy of Jewish Bolshevism." The objects on view show how the military spirit can be fostered among schoolchildren in work and play.

The walls are covered with water colour and pencil sketches of troops, guns, tanks, battleships, and aeroplanes in action—the majority executed by Children of 12. One such juvenile sketch has the footnote: "What are we now? Hitler Lads. What do we want to be? Soldiers."

ART OF CAMOUFLAGE

A corner of the exhibition is devoted to a series of illustrations suggesting how teachers can lead from the concentration on camouflage in the animal world to the contemplation of camouflage in modern warfare. Among the maps drawn by children and considered exemplary is one of Europe in which German and Polish soldiers are looking over their frontiers towards Russia.

There are several bound volumes of essays on various military subjects written by children in schools.

A section of the exhibition is devoted to games that are likely to rouse the players to take an interest in military matters. I noticed jigsaw puzzles which when pieced together reveal the battlefields of the last war complete with trenches and dugouts, and also some new kind of game which is played on a chessboard with miniature shells and bombs, and is claimed by the makers to introduce children to military tactics.

Several persons present, presumably school teachers, were industriously taking notes.

SOUTHAMPTON WATER WILL BE CROYDON OF THE SEA

Base For Empire All-Mails-By-Air Scheme

London, Dec. 21.

SOUTHAMPTON WATER is to be the Croydon of the sea. This was announced by Imperial Airways, who stated that the new base from which next year 28 flying boats will operate the Empire all-mails-by-air scheme will be established temporarily at Hythe, about two miles from Southampton.

Negotiations for a base at Langstone Harbour, Portsmouth, are not yet complete.

A large flying-boat hangar with allways already exists on the site of the new base and can be brought into use almost immediately.

The Tythe base is expected to be in use for passenger traffic by the spring.

Then, it is expected, Imperial Airways will gradually change over their Empire land services from Croydon to the flying boats.

At the outset, a twice-weekly passenger and mail service will be operated to and from South Africa. Later, a bi-weekly service to and from Australia will be introduced.

The Hythe base will be linked to London by fast train service from Southampton Docks and will serve as the embarkation and arrival station for Empire passengers and mails.

Caledonia, first of the experimental long-range flying boats, will use the Southampton base for experimental long-range and Atlantic flights which are to be made next year.

If present plans are carried out, 200 of the principal streets of the city will be lined on both sides with trees.—United Press.

James Cagney Leaving Hollywood: "Blacklisted"

Hollywood, Dec. 15. James Cagney, the film actor, announced to-day that he was leaving Hollywood to live on a farm in Massachusetts.

"I may not return," he said. Since he won an action over a contract with Warner Brothers, he declares that all film companies are blacklisting him.

"There is a solid front against me in Hollywood," Cagney says "but fortunately I don't have to worry financially and I refuse to be concerned over other phases of the situation."—Reuter.

Melbourne to Plant

Coronation Trees

Melbourne, Dec. 20.

To commemorate the coronation of King George VI next year, the city is planning a tree planting campaign for next spring.

If present plans are carried out, 200 of the principal streets of the city will be lined on both sides with trees.—United Press.

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THE ROYAL FAMILY

DUCHESS OF KENT AND INFANT PRINCESS DOING WELL

London, Dec. 28. The Duchess of Kent and her baby daughter, who was born at 11.20 on Christmas morning are both reported to be doing very well.

The bulletin announcing the birth and stating that Her Royal Highness and the infant Princess were doing excellently, was signed in the presence of Sir John Simon, copies being sent to Home Office and to the Lord Mayor of London in accordance with custom. The bulletin was posted at the Guildhall and Home Office.

The infant Princess will rank as sixth in succession to the Throne. News of birth of the Princess was immediately conveyed by telephone to members of the Royal Family who were spending Christmas at Sandringham.

Queen Mary

Queen Mary is suffering from slight cold and has remained indoors since her arrival at Sandringham. It is hoped she will be able to leave her room in a day or two.

The King and Queen were greeted by hundreds of people as they walked to morning service at Sandringham Church on Christmas Day, accompanied by the Princesses and other members of the Royal Family.

Shortly before midnight Christmas Eve Christmas Greetings were conveyed to the party at Sandringham by telephone from the Duke of Windsor.—British Wireless.

MURDER IN HONGKEW

DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON TWO CHINESE

Shanghai, Dec. 28. Mao Yung-wu and Wang Cheng-chen, the two prisoners accused of the murder of a Japanese business man, Kosaka Kayau, on July 11, have been sentenced to death.—Reuter.

The crime took place in the Hong-kew district early in the evening when Mr. Kayau, aged 32, was carrying the year-old child of a friend and leading another child by the hand. Fortunately neither of the children were hurt.

A force of Japanese blue-jackets was landed and some thirty coolies arrested but subsequently released, the two men convicted of the crime being arrested later.

CINEMA
NOTES.

Thrilling drama in the early days of the West gives rugged vitality to the exciting Buck Jones picture, "For The Service," a Universal feature, which opens to-day at the Alhambra Theatre. Noted for his swiftly moving exploits against the colourful background of the West, the star reaches a new high in entertainment in this story of the grim, courageous scouts who gave their lives that the United States might extend from coast to coast. Savage Indians and cruel white men are confronted in Jones' relentless fight to save his captain's son, and serve his government. Dramatic incidents in army tradition provide the highlights of the story. Clifford Jones, Beth Marion, Frank McGlynn, Sr., Edward Keene, and Fred Kohler are in the supporting cast. The picture was directed and produced by Buck Jones from an original story by Isador Bernstein.

"Valiant Is The Word For Carrie"

A new film personality of exceptional dramatic and emotional ability introduced at the Queen's Theatre to-day, when the motion picture version of Barry Benefield's best-selling novel, "Valiant Is The Word For Carrie," has its run to-day, at the above theatre. The newcomer is Gladys George, famed stage actress, whose portrayal of the woman of shady reputation who is resurrected and enabled by two little children she adopted, is one of the finest things ever captured by the camera and is certain to become one of the most widely discussed film roles of the screen. Others in the cast are Harry Carey, Dudley Digges, William Collier, Sr., and the two charming youngsters Jackie Moran and Charlene Wyatt.

"Our Relations"

Laurel and Hardy are seen in a most amusing full-length picture, "Our Relations," at the ... Theatre. The film is based on a W. W. Jacobs' story and is crammed with a full of funny incidents. There is a splendid supporting cast. Don't miss this happy feast of fun and merriment.

"If You Could Only Cook"

The world would be a pretty drab place if it were not for jovial, fun-filled personalities like Herbert Marshall, Jean Arthur, Leo Carrillo and Lionel Stander, stars and principals of Columbia's new romantic comedy, "If You Could Only Cook," which is showing at the Star Theatre. Together, with the very helpful direction of William A. Seiter, who knows a comedy situation when he sees one, and some exceptionally amusing dialogue from the joint pens of Howard J. Green and Gertrude Purcell, they make the film a sparkling and happy thing. "If You Could Only Cook," to add it all up, is as delightful a comedy as has come this way in many a moon.

"Modern Times"

Appearing in "Modern Times," his first film since the release of "City Lights," almost five years ago, and his funniest to date, Charlie Chaplin is to be seen at the Majestic Theatre. His most pretentious film to date, "Modern Times" features some huge and elaborate sets, notably the interior of the modern steel factory where the opening of the story finds Charlie a poor abused mechanic ever lastingly tightening bolts on a moving track. The monotony of this job "gets" Charlie and he runs wild, attacking everything and everybody in view with his brandished wrenches in one of the funniest scenes ever filmed. Love comes into the little chap's life in the person of a comedy gamine of the waterfront, whom he befriends and aids. The lovely Paulette Goddard makes her debut as Charlie's leading lady in this role and proves a genuine discovery. Also prominently cast are Chester Conklin, Henry Bergman and Hank Mann.

BAND CONCERT
ROYAL MARINES REGALE
MUSIC LOVERS

Ranking among the finest musical entertainments of the year was the programme of orchestral music given by the Royal Marines at the China Fleet Club last night and enjoyed by His Excellency the Governor and Lady Caldecott. The distinguished patrons were escorted to their seats by His Excellency the C-in-C, Admiral Sir Charles Little, and there was a large audience of music lovers who showed great appreciation of the items rendered under the baton of Mr. R. E. Compton in a manner that must have recompensed the players for their arduous one and a half hours' work. The players were drawn from H. M. Ships Cumberland, Hermes, Dorsetshire and Berwick and totalled 56, an unusually large combination to be heard in Hongkong.

The evening commenced with the well-known "Tannhauser" march, best heard in its main theme from a voluminous orchestra. The march opened with the trumpets followed by a light triplet figure in strings before the full instruments developed the theme to woodwind and brass accompanied in the finale with moving quavers in the mass of strings.

Liszt's Rhapsody "No. 1" was impressively introduced by slow, mournful violins, then a moody extemporisation and the characteristic gypsy change from grave to gay, ending in a magnificent frenzy. The perfect synchronisation of the band was well brought out here in the soft passages and, as an encore, Mr. Compton delighted the audience with "Hertz and Hertz" by Latann, the strings plucking out the delicacy of this graceful piece, too rarely heard.

Popular Pieces

"Solveig's Song" gave the Cello soloist a chance to express Grieg's changeable fancy in "Peer Gynt," and against the background of the matted band, the player worked from the solemn atmosphere of Peer's long absence to the joyful re-union with his lover.

"The Herd Girl's Dream" is too well-known to more than mention that it was exquisitely given while the same is true of some popular selections from Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Of these, however, the correct in "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes" must be picked out for the soft and tuneful way he brought that lovely melody to the audience, and the band must be especially thanked for the crashing rhythm they put into "The Cuckoo."

The Old Testament story of Samson and Delilah, as told in music by Saint-Saens, is a piece that appeals to many. Outstanding in the selection last night was the famous "Softly awakes my heart" which was finely traced by the band.

The "Beautiful Danube" was another piece which demanded extra applause from the audience who were rewarded with "Cavalieria Rusticana" by Mascagni.

Then followed sketches by Impolito-Ivanoff, "In the Village," which gave an opening to the viola and clarinet before the piece worked into a typical Asiatic dance; and the March of the Sardin, where play was made with the clarinet and flute with more Oriental flavour. Schubert's "Lilac Time" provided a fitting end to the orchestral selections and the audience were thoroughly satisfied with such beautiful selections as "March Militaire," "My Sweetest Song of All" and "Tosca." The programme concluded with "A Life on the Ocean Wave" and the National Anthem.

Exclusive of the encores mentioned, the programme was: Grand March ("Tannhauser")

NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGE
MARKET LOWER
YESTERDAY

New York, Dec. 28. S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's market:—The markets to-day were lower and trading was quiet. Most leaders declined, with a few exceptions, notably railroad and oil issues. Mercantile shares were the hardest hit as traders took their profits due to the fact that the holiday season is over. Chrysler shares led the downward trend in motor issues. Coppers slipped after an early advance. Utility, chemical and farm securities sagged. Douglas Aircraft stocks were outstanding, due to the excellent sales report. The market for bonds was irregular. Stocks on the Curb Exchange were irregularly higher.

S. C. & F. Wall Street Journal Morning comment:—It is indicated that year-end rationalisation of the year-end highest since 1929. Some utility holding companies are considering inviting the public to participate in the ownership of common equities and subsidiaries. To-day's Treasury statement is likely to show an inactive fund for the first time. Confident business improvement during 1937 is probable.

S. C. & F. New York office cables: Stocks: The market to-day reflected profit-taking and selling to meet tax demands. The uncertainty on the part of professional traders was an additional adverse factor. Pennsylvania crude oil prices have advanced by 15 cents per barrel. The Times business index for the past week is 110.0, against 108.0 the previous week and 95.4 during the corresponding period of last year.

Cotton: The mill position is reported to be extremely favourable. Forward interest is broadening, apparently participating in the general commodity advance. The foreign political situation is a factor. Forwardings to mills during the past week totalled 321,000 bales.

Wheat: The market displayed strength early in the session on dry weather conditions in the West, renewed export demand and the foreign political situation. Prices, however, eased towards the close on denial of a reported reduction in the United States import duty, and owing to a general feeling that a technical reaction is due. The visible supply during the past week has decreased by 1,100,000 bushels.

Corn: Commercial demand to-day absorbed all offerings and sellers appeared only on advices. The visible supply has increased by 1,501,000 bushels.

Rubber: Prices advanced on the insistent strength of the London market, apprehension regarding near supplies and the possibility that armament reserves are being created. The market is firm.

REUTERS' QUOTATIONS
Dow Jones Averages:
Dec. 23. Dec. 28.
30 Industrials 178.00 177.12
50 Rails 52.08 52.20
200 Stocks 24.25 24.25
40 Bonds 105.35 105.24
11 Commodity Index 79.73 81.57

Wagner.
Rhapsody ("No. 1") Liszt.
Cello solo ("Solveig's Song")

Grieg.
Violin Duet ("The Herd Girl's Dream") Lablitzky.
Selection ("The Gondoliers") Sullivan.
Selection ("Samson and Delilah") Saint-Saens.
Waltz ("Beautiful Danube") Strauss.

Sketches ("Caucasian") Impolito-Ivanoff.
Selection ("Lilac Time") Schubert.
March ("A Life on the Ocean Wave") Wagner.
God Save the King.

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PRICES
LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS

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New York Cotton
January 12.40/40 12.55/55
March 12.39/40 12.51/52
May 12.30/32 12.41/43
July 12.24/25 12.34/34
October 11.90/92 12.04/04
Spot 12.09 13.11
New York Rubber
Dec. 21.57 23.14a
March 21.67/67 23.20/20
May 21.50b/52a 22.02/04
July 21.30/30 22.50/50
Sept. 21.22a 22.38/40
Total sales: 7,010 tons.

Chicago Wheat
Dec. 141 1/4/141 137 1/4/137 1/2
May 136 1/4/136 1/4 135 1/4/135 1/4
July 110 1/2/110 118 1/2/118 1/2
Saturday's sales: 38,175,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn
Dec. 104 1/4/104 1/4 100 1/4/100 1/4
May 104 1/4/104 1/4 104 1/4/104 1/4
July 100 1/4/100 1/4 100 1/4/101

New Contract New Contract
Opening Closing
May 100 1/4/100 1/4 105 1/4/105 1/4
July 102 1/4/102 1/4 102 1/4/103

Wheat
Dec. 128 1/2/128 1/2 127 1/2/127 1/2
May 128 1/2/128 1/2 128 1/2/128 1/2

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Straits	Bangalore	December 29.
Japan	Kotahira Maru	December 29.
Japan	Nagato Maru	December 29.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 19th December	R.M.A. Dorado	December 29.
Straits	Telaviv	December 29.
Straits	Glyvo Maru	December 30.
Japan	Nankin	December 30.
Straits	Van Heutz	December 30.
Shanghai	Atrous	December 31.
Haiphong	Canton	December 31.
Australia and Manila	Nellor	December 31.
Amoy	Talamba	December 31.
Shanghai	Talhyblus	December 31.
Japan	Africa Maru	January 1.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 12th December)	Emp. of Canada	January 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	January 1.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers) London, 3rd December	Hakusan Maru	January 1.
Shanghai	Somali	January 1.
Java and Manila	Tjisroca	January 2.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuenstang	January 4.
Straits	Aeneas	January 5.
Manila	Polsdam	January 5.
Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	January 5.
Shanghai	Conte Verde	January 7.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 18th December)	Emp. of Russia	January 7.
Straits and Europe via Suz (Letters and Papers) London, 10th December and London Parcels—London date, 3rd December	Rawalpindi	January 7.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Tuesday		
Air Mail for Canton and Districts C.N.A.C. plane	Reg.	Tues. Dec. 29.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 29, Noon.
	Letters	Dec. 29, 12.30 p.m.
Holhow	Mulnam	Tues. Dec. 29, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halyang	Tues. Dec. 29, 2 p.m.
Amoy	Tainan	Tues. Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Telaviv	Tues. Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
U.S.A., Central and South America, Plessantville	Reg.	Tues. Dec. 29.
Canada and Europe via San Francisco	Letters	Dec. 29, 9.45 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 20th January)		
Wednesday		
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and North China (via Shanghai)	Reg.	Wed. Dec. 30.
	Letters	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.	
Letters	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.	
Foochow via Swatow	Ninghai	Wed. Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Chakrang	Wed. Dec. 30.
Parcels	Dec. 30, Noon.	
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due Ajax Amsterdam, 11th January.	Reg.	Wed. Jan. 30.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Reg., Dec. 30, 1.30 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 27th January and London Parcels.	Reg.	Wed. Dec. 30.
(Due London, 3rd February.)	Letters	Dec. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Selston	Wed. Dec. 30, 3 p.m.



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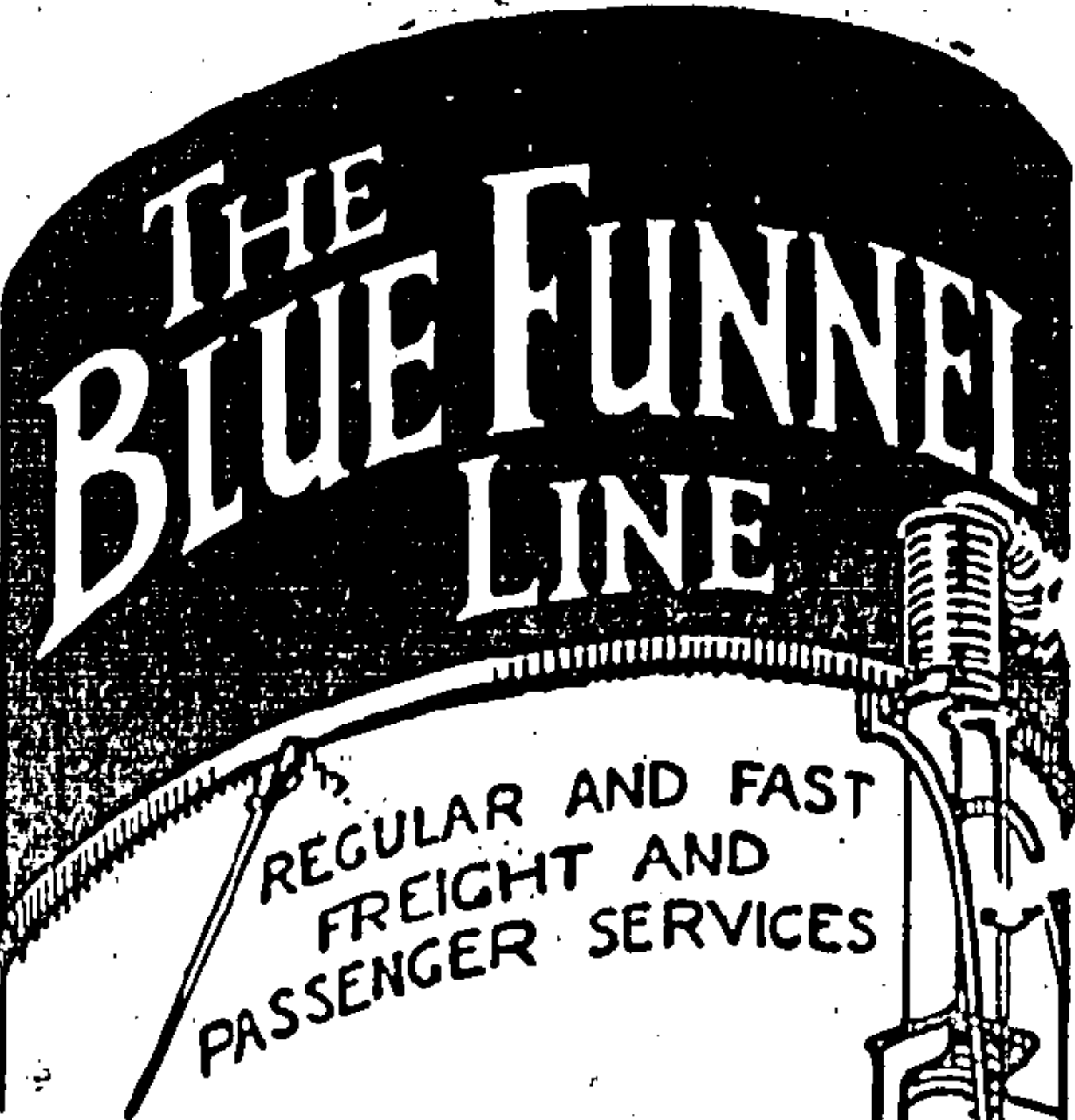
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COLONY'S MONEY VOTES FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE

A total of \$23,487 is requested in votes to go before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow afternoon. A sum of \$5,000 for hospital bedding and clothing is mainly required owing to the fall in the exchange value of the local dollar.

The memorandum explaining the items state:

Estimates, 1936

Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force:—Fuel, Light and Water \$200.

Owing to increase in establishment, the amount provided under this sub-head is insufficient to cover expenditure to the end of the year.

Charitable Services—Other Charitable Allowances (Unallocated) \$400.

Owing partly to an increase in the number of letters maintained, the Tung Wah Kennedy Town Hospital, and partly to other additional calls on this vote, the expenditure on this sub-head will, it is estimated, exceed funds provided by \$400.

Supreme Court—Special Expenditure—Tisbury's Law of England—replacement of 4 acts, fourth instalment \$220.

Provision in 1936 Estimates for these law books was made at the rate of \$1=18. 8d.

Medical Department—Bedding and Clothing \$5,000.

When the Estimates for 1936 were prepared the cost of materials to be ordered through the Crown Agents was calculated on the basis of an exchange rate of 1s. 8d.=£1. When the exchange fell it was considered inadvisable to reduce the quantity ordered and so risk a shortage of supplies. Figures now show that the number of patients treated during the current year has been well above the average, and all materials ordered have been fully required.

Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force:—Uniform \$1,013.

The number of Cadets and Ratings recruited during the current year has been greater than was anticipated.

Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force:—Upkeep of Ship and Boats \$653.

The Dry-docking of H.M.S. Cornwall and lifting of mounds disclosed: (1) Zinc ring missing from hull; (2) Admissibility of drawing tail shaft and renewing rubber washer and packings; (3) Defective plates on buoy—one perforated and leaking and two worn so thin as to be unserviceable.

Police Force—Light and Electric Fans \$4,200.

Owing to the opening of the new Upper Levels Police Station and the extension of lighting to New Territories Police Stations, the vote has proved insufficient.

Police Force—Rations for Indian Police \$2,110.

Owing to the fall in exchange the contract rate for Indian rations was increased.

Police Force—Upkeep of Arms \$770.

At the annual inspection held in May 1936 on the three pounder guns in cruising launches the Naval Authorities recommended the replacement of certain defective parts of the sights. It was considered desirable to use the guns with the sights in their then condition and \$1,200 was inserted in the 1937 estimates to cover this expenditure.

Police Force—Transport \$2,000.

Increase in crime has necessitated expenditure on conveyance of prisoners and witnesses. More use of Motor Transport for conveying officers effects on transfer has also caused additional expenditure on this head to the benefit of the "Coolie Hire" Vote, which shows a saving of \$1,000.

Fire Brigade—Incidental Expenses \$600.

The excess on this sub-head is due to the more frequent conveyance of Ambulances and Fire Appliances on the "Vehicular" Force.

Fire Brigade—Repairs to Floating Engines \$1,000.

In August of this year white ants were discovered in the timbers of No. 1 Fire Float and unforeseen and necessary expenditure of \$2,000 was incurred in order to repair their ravages.

Kowloon Canton Railway—Special Expenditure. Double-wire Signalling at Yau Ma Tei Station \$2,315.

Owing to the fall in exchange and to the continued price of signalling apparatus being higher than was estimated in the 1936 Estimates, this sub-head is \$6,014.75. A sum of \$4,300 was provided in the Estimates of 1936.

Kowloon Canton Railway—Special Expenditure. Conversion of Tai Po Market Station into a Crossing and Train Token Station \$540.

Owing to the fall in exchange the cost of this work, of which over \$2,000 represents purchases from Crown Agents, has been increased to \$3,539.60.

Police Force—Photography \$500.

Approval was obtained in 1935, but too late for provision to be made in Estimates for 1936, to expend a sum not exceeding \$2,000 on special photographic apparatus in connection with the Special Branch; of this amount only \$528 was spent in 1935.

A further sum of \$500 is now required, as the expenditure under this vote of \$3,500 has proved insufficient for this non-recurrent expenditure.

Total \$23,487.

The health bulletin of the Eastern Ports for the week ended December 10 shows the following cases of infectious diseases: Plague—Bassett 1 case; Cholera—Calcutta 15 cases; Typhoid 3 cases; Chittagong 3 cases; Small-pox—Bombay 2 cases; Calcutta 1 case; Chittagong 3 cases; Moulmein 8 cases, Chittagong 3 cases and Shanghai 42 cases.

CASE FOR SESSIONS

J. C. GARDNER COMMITTED ON SIX CHARGES

Joseph Charles Gardner, aged 48, appeared on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon on six charges of fraudulent conversion, and fraudulent fixing of revenue stamps to documents. The charges were: Fraudulent conversion of the sum of \$20.60 on January 5, 1935; fraudulent fixing of two stamps to the face value of \$23 on January 5, 1935; fraudulent conversion of \$63 on April 1, 1935; fraudulent fixing of six stamps to the face value of \$26 on April 1, 1935; fraudulent conversion of \$64.00 on November 23, 1935; and fraudulent fixing of five stamps to the face value of \$65.25 on November 23, 1935.

These sums of money were given defendant by his employers, the Union Insurance Society of Canton, for the purchase of revenue stamps. Mr. E. H. Williams, the Assistant Attorney General, conducted the prosecution, while Mr. Leo D'Almada, Esq., represented the defendant. No opening statement was given, and the prosecution called its witnesses to give evidence.

Mr. J. Bentley, in charge of the Secretariat Department of the Union Insurance Society, said that accused was an employee of the Company, where he had worked since 1913. He resigned on July 31, 1936, after having been witness' assistant since 1926. Accused's particular duty was the keeping of the Share Register and Ledger.

Witness then detailed these duties. Replying to Mr. D'Almada, witness said he did not know that accused had worked for the Society from 1905 to 1910, but he did know that accused was employed there from March 1913 to July 1936. Accused's service was up to 1934 had been very satisfactory, and he had an unblemished character.

Letter of Confession

Witness did not agree that but for a letter which accused sent witness after his resignation and which contained a confession of the defalcations, the Society would not have discovered the fraud. They would have done so a few days after accused had left his employment. It was only during the last 18 months that defendant had defaulted in his trust.

V. R. Q. Ribeiro, in charge of the Petty Cash Department of the Union Insurance Society, testified that cashier orders were produced to him by defendant for payment. The orders were for stamp money.

Mr. P. D. Crawley, Superintendent of the Stamp Office, detailed the procedure of work in his office.

Witness said he had checked up all requisitions by the Society for stamps against cashier orders for stamps shown witness by Mr. Bentley, and had found a deficiency of \$1,352 for the year 1935. For 1936, a deficiency of \$854.80 had been discovered. There were certain requisitions for which no cashier orders could be traced.

Detective-Sergeant J. G. Whitford, attached to the Colonial Treasury, said he arrested accused in Des Voeux Road Central outside the Supreme Court on December 15 on the charge of fraudulent conversion.

Defendant had nothing to say in answer to the first charge, which was then the only one preferred against him.

That concluded the case for the Crown.

Defendant was asked if he wished to give evidence or had any witnesses to call, and in both cases he said no.

His Worship then committed him to stand trial.

It will be recalled that accused was somewhat similarly charged at the last sessions, but was discharged on a technical point.

SPANIARDS SAY SEIZED STEAMER HAD CONTRABAND

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Forbes to visit Madrid from time to time, should occasion arise, to give such advice or render such assistance as may be possible. As regards the maintenance of the Embassy itself at Madrid, measures for keeping both the staff and British subjects who are still there supplied with necessary provisions must necessarily have become increasingly difficult. Such difficulties will be considerably alleviated in Valencia where British ships can co-operate in dealing with the problems of maintenance and supplies.

Exact details regarding the withdrawal are being left to the discretion of Mr. Forbes, who will be mindful both of the needs of the British interests and British subjects.

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LOCAL WEDDING

MISS L. JORGE MARRIES MR. A. CROSS

The wedding was celebrated at St. Andrew's Church yesterday afternoon, of Miss Louise Mary Jorge to Mr. Albert Cross, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

The church was picturesquely decorated with white chrysanthemums for the occasion. The Rev. R. Higgs conducted the service, whilst appropriate music was rendered on the organ by Mr. Baldwin. Mr. Kent gave the bride away in marriage.

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The bride was gowned in ivory chiffon velvet with a long train. Her embroidered tulle veil was caught to the head with a spray of orange-blossoms. She carried a sheaf of tiny cream roses, tied with a white satin bow.

The bridesmaid, Miss Gertrude White, wore a light blue tulle dress and carried a light posy of orange-shaded African daisies.

The two little flower girls, the Misses Doreen and Pauline Kent, wore light blue silk dresses and carried posies of shaded sweet peas.

During the service, the hymns "Lead us Heavenly Father" and "Love Divine" were sung by the congregation.

The bride's brother, Mr. Anthony Jorge, undertook the duties of best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at St. Andrew's Church Hall. The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

CORRESPONDENCE

Street Sale

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I beg to be allowed space in your valuable columns to inform the public that my Chamber will be joining a street sale of flowers in order to obtain the necessary funds to run our free schools on the 30th instant. Permission for this drive has already been granted by the authorities.

I may add that the support given by the public last year has greatly assisted us in our work of providing for the ten free schools under our auspices even free of funds had at one time threatened their closure.

As all pupils are admitted to our schools entirely free of any charge, you will appreciate that we must depend on charitable support in some measure and to ensure the success of our drive, I hope we may rely upon your valuable assistance by affording us a little publicity in this connection.

LAW KING-TUNG,

Vice-Chairman

SEQUEL TO SHOOTING

CHICKEN THEIF COMES OUT OF HOSPITAL

Endeavouring to escape arrest after stealing a chicken, Lee Kai, 35, a Chinese, threatened a Chinese detective with a kitchen knife and was shot as a result, on November 11. Just out of hospital, Lee appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday and was charged with stealing a chicken and obstructing a policeman in the execution of his duty. He pleaded "Not Guilty" to the charge.

Det.-Insp. A. H. Elston said that about 9.50 a.m. on November 11, the detective saw Lee walking along Reclamation Street carrying a basket, stopped him, saying he was a policeman, and asked to see the contents.

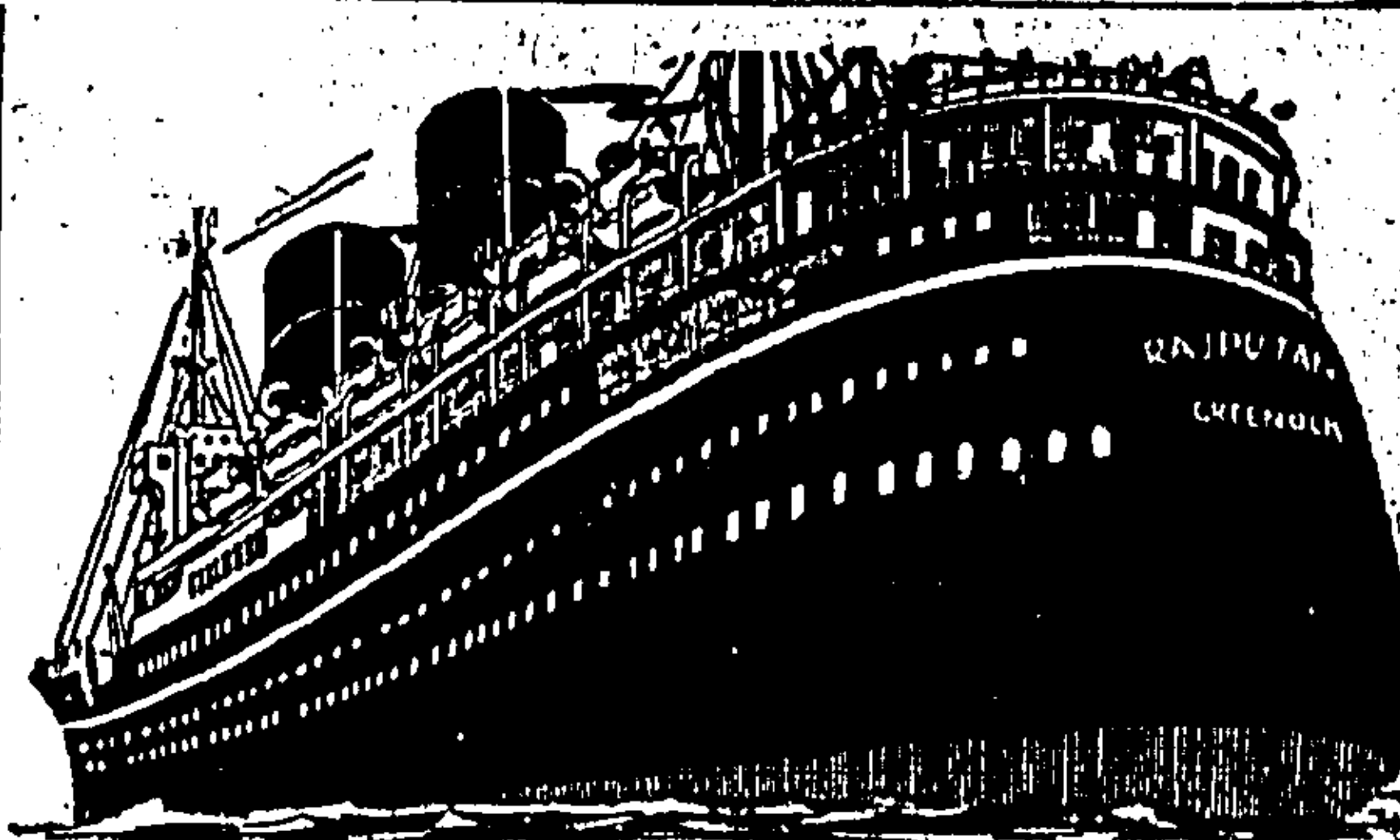
The man refused, and struggled when the detective tried to take the basket away.

While the detective was taking out his whistle to summon help, Lee managed to break away, and running down Wai Ching Street, dashed into No. 30, the door of which was open. When his pursuer tried to enter, Lee snatched up a kitchen knife and threatened to kill the detective, who pulled out his revolver and fired a shot, which did not seem to have any effect as Lee remained standing.

After warning him to drop the knife, the detective fired again, and Lee fell with a bullet in his left leg. He was arrested and taken to the hospital. The basket was found to contain a stolen chicken.

Inspector Elston asked the Magistrate to take into consideration the fact that the man had been in hospital for a long period, and that it would be some months before his leg would be completely healed.

Accused was bound over in the sum of \$10 for one year for stealing the chicken, and in the sum of \$50 for a year on the second charge.



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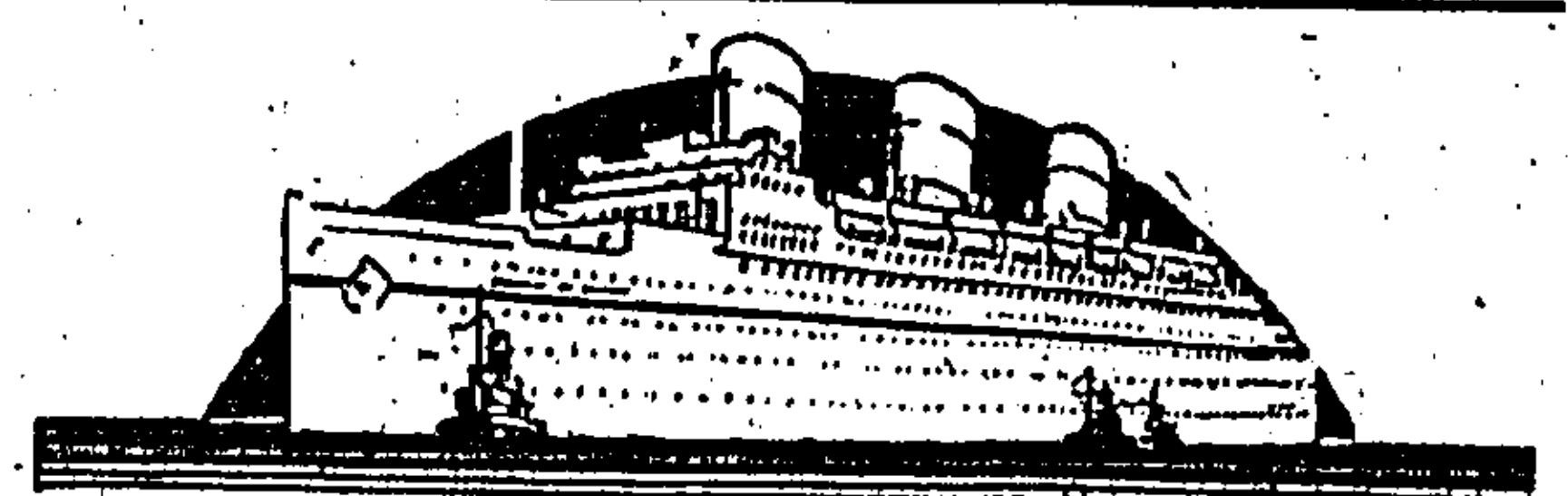
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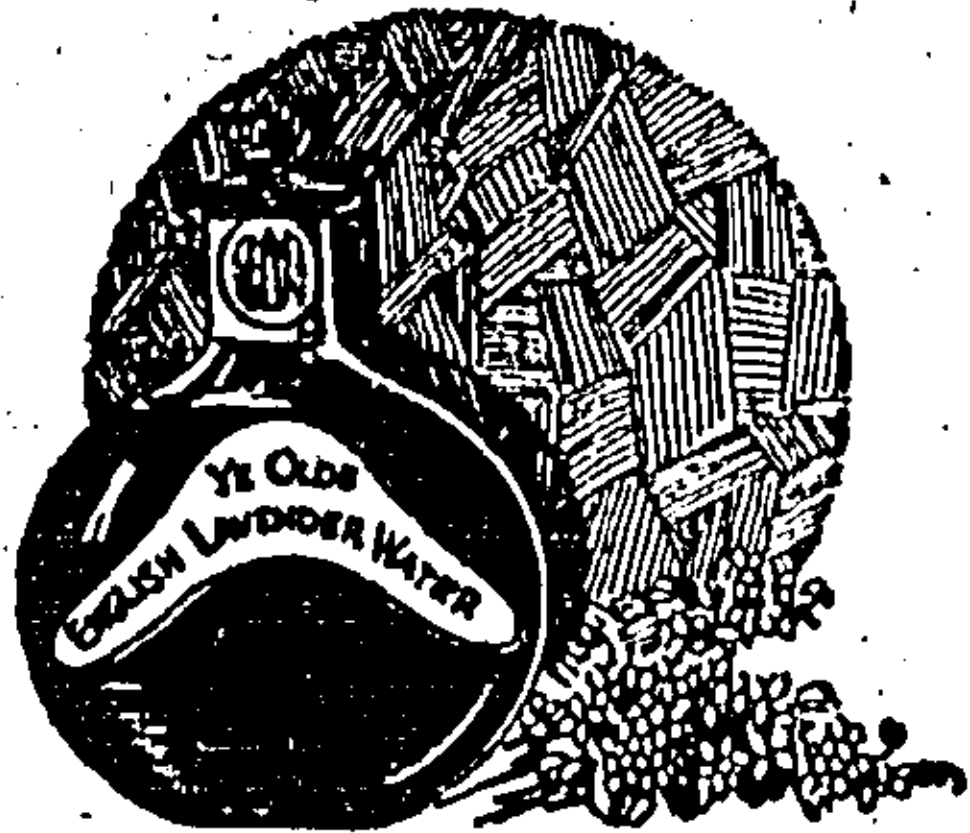
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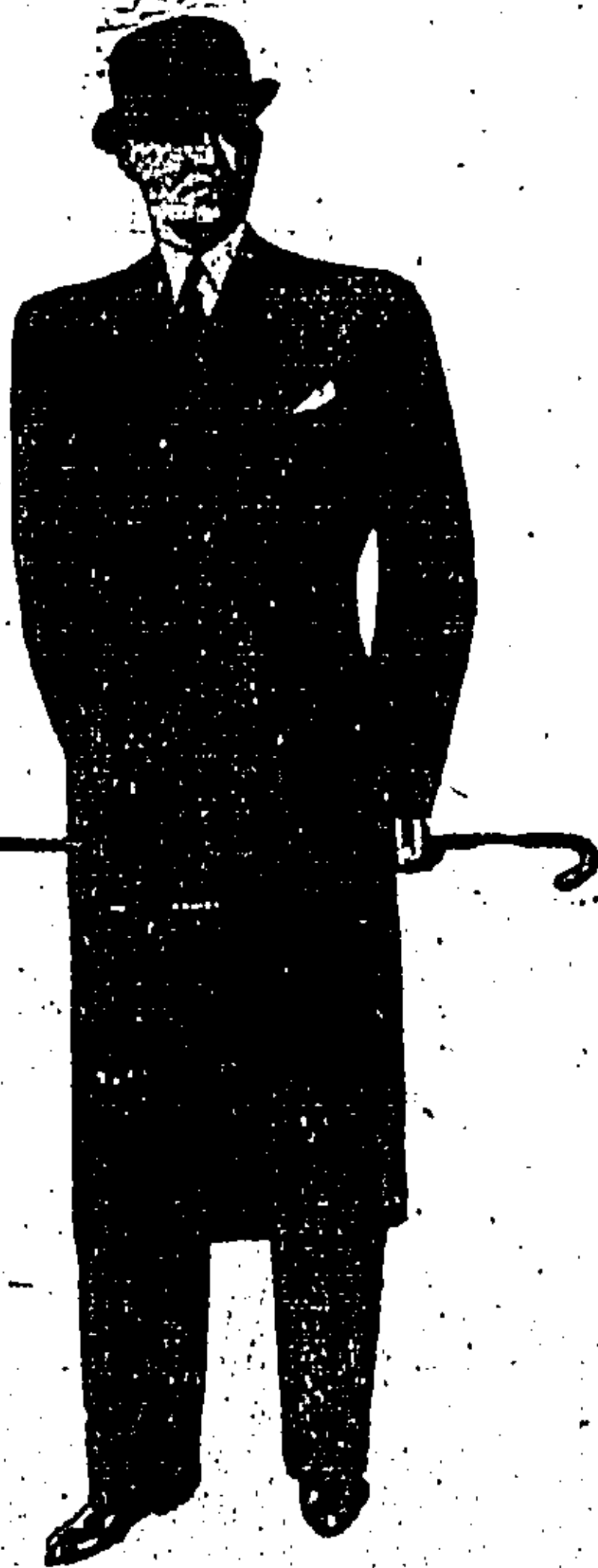
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"BLACK SPOT" IN
INDUSTRY

During the recent House of Commons debate on the distressed areas and the location of industry, strong pleas were made for extending special measures for the reduction of unemployment to districts which do not come within the Special Areas Act, but which have, none the less, suffered severely from the industrial depression. In particular, stress was laid on the claims of South-West Lancashire, one of the worst industrial "black spots" of the country. At the same time, the Lancashire Industrial Development Council is making a further appeal to the Minister of Health for consideration of Lancashire's claims to special assistance in view of the decline of her basic industry. Previous appeals have failed. Sir Thomas Barlow, Chairman of the Council, maintains that incentives should be provided for the establishment of factories in Lancashire. He points out that the derating of industry was an example of discrimination by the State as between different sections of the community and that if that principle were accepted in the one case, there is no reason why it should not be applied to the better distribution of industrial enterprise over Great Britain in the interests of the community as a whole. As was pointed out in the debate in the House of Commons, three-quarters of all the unemployed are concentrated in four out of the nine Ministry of Labour industrial divisions and yet the Special Areas Act deals with only some 300,000 of the 1,200,000 unemployed. There is a great mass of long-term unemployed outside the scheduled areas who have had no consideration of any kind. The Government's original claim was that by narrowing the front in this way, it would be able to deal more expeditiously with the problem. That claim has not been upheld. As the Commissioner pointed out in his Report, under the Special Areas Act, "It has to be admitted that no appreciable reduction of the number of those unemployed has been effected." It is clear that the problem of long-term unemployment arising from the decline of basic industries must be considered, as a whole, and must be attacked immediately. If anything is to be done it must be done at once whilst the upward movement of

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The first S.O.S.—requests from owners of lost dogs, canaries, parrots, to broadcast appeals—with Hibberd handing out a polite succession of refusals.

The constant vigilance necessary to see that speakers didn't insert gratuitous advertisements into their MSS (to-day there is a censorship, but then it was the announcer's responsibility).

The terrifying (and thankless) task of turning over for pianists.

Reading the news by match-light when the lights failed.

Taking Mr. A. P. Herbert (then unwell) to the wrong studio—rushing him, countless,

the trade cycle is still in operation. In a capitalist society, there are only short periods during which industrial rehabilitation can be effected. Unless the area of depression is to be extended and intensified during the coming years, it must be eliminated during the present period of comparative industrial activity. Meanwhile, the Labour Party is sending a Commission into the worst areas of depression to establish the facts and to draw up constructive proposals which it will immediately place before the Government with a view to immediate and intensified action.

down corridors, to the right one.

The general strike of 1926—with lists of trains and buses lasting over an hour to be read.

The frantic inquiries to Savoy Hill—thousands of phone calls—when Father Knox broadcast a play depicting London in a state of revolution and the House of Parliament on fire.

Hibberd, voice surcharged with genuine pleasure, announcing royal weddings.

Hibberd, with genuine emotion, announcing the serious illness of King George... the abdication of King Edward VIII.

Thus he has grown and developed.

WHAT lies ahead? Hibberd has set a standard of announcing which is second to none.

But it is not enough.

Hibberd, or the B.B.C. authorities over him, should train men in a dozen different standards.

They should take promising men, note their characteristics, develop them.

If a man has a leaning towards slang, let him be slangy—in certain programmes.

If he can be funny and intimate, encourage him—again in certain programmes.

If he has a slight lisp—that's grand.

The public would love a lisp—apronce occasionally.

At present a man has only to deviate a few inches from the

Hibberd standard to receive an

irate message from authority.

A word of slang, and the entire Board of Governors rings up.

With the result that (Freddie Grisewood excepted) the BBC has for its announcers a group of lesser Hibberds—men lacking his charm, but possessing qualities which are not allowed to become apparent.

MUCH of the trouble lies in the rule that every-

thing must be read. A man may only have to introduce Bernard Shaw. But, sure enough, an hour or so before the broadcast, down comes the typed book of words from the executives.

"This is the National programme. To-night we have in the studio that distinguished dramatist Mr. Bernard Shaw," etc.

No chance for the wretched man to think this out for himself—or even to improve on it. He must READ—and usually he sounds like it.

Over in Alexandra Palace, where television lives, they do things differently.

Leslie Mitchell, for example, is making his announcements impromptu. Obviously he can't be seen fluttering a sheet of paper, so he gags. Sometimes he's hesitant, sometimes he's funny, but all the time he's human.

Alas for informality. It will only be a matter of weeks before orders come through from

Broadcasting House that television announcements must be typed—and memorised.

TURN from this modernity—this carping and criticism—back to Stuart Hibberd.

Soon he'll be back from his Canadian and American tour.

Soon he'll be making his daily journey—back and forth—from Bickley to Broadcasting House.

Soon—as familiar as the Nelson Column and as reliable as the Bank of England—he'll be at the microphone.

The honey-tinted voice, with its flavour of the Eton and Harrow match, Ascot, the Boat-race—everything that is traditionally British—will penetrate once more into a million British homes.

We welcome him back—Radio's No. 1 personality.

But up on his throne there is room for at least half a dozen other personalities—men who can offer contrast to his solid worth. There is even room, if they bunch up a bit, for a wo-

man.

I MARRIED FOR MONEY—

And Have Never
Regretted It

She's Now a Shrew

Now, fifteen years afterwards, inspired to put this on paper by the fatuous comment by an important person that "love is everything," I say that I am unreservedly glad that I acted as I did.

I look around at the couples who made love matches at the time that I "married for money," none of them is, I am convinced, happier than my wife and I and our two children. But many of them are far less happy.

The girl of my tennis club days soon found another young man and married him. She has never been particularly well off, and as I look at her now I thank my lucky stars I did not marry her, for life has turned her into a shrew. I have missed nothing except, perhaps, a certain ecstasy which in the very nature of things would have quickly died.

And I have gained everything.

A Fabric of Affection

Even if I had married for love I could not be better off than I am now. A great affection, loyalty, camaraderie—call it what you will—exists between my wife and me. It is a fabric of affection which we ourselves have woven, and the point is that we should still have had to weave it even if we had followed the usual romantic path of marrying for love—since every couple has to when love wanes.

Actually, it has been easier for us, for the fever of love has never hidden our real selves from each other.

From the beginning we have seen each other—clearly, and seen each other whole. There has been no disillusionment, because there was never any illusion. That is why I am unashamed at confessing that I married for money.

It has worked. And that is why I sign myself.

An Unrepentant Husband.

AND now, fifteen years after I made what the popular novelist might call the choice between "romance and riches," I can sit back dispassionately and judge whether there is anything in this superstition that one should not marry for money.

If you are an incurable romantic, or very, very young, read no farther. For what I have to say is the truth, and the truth, perhaps, is fatal to the popularly accepted notions of romance.

Briefly, I was faced fifteen years ago by a very simple choice. I was 27, poor, but with somewhat expensive tastes inherited from a family which had seen better times, and employed with a small manufacturing concern in a provincial town. I was the export sales manager, and used to make frequent trips to London, which only whetted my expensive tastes still further.

Welcomed My Company

For some time I had been in love with a girl at the tennis club I belonged to, but so far had not said anything to her. I was naturally cautious, and although privately I suffered a little through repressing my real feelings, I had an emphatic disbelief in anything like "love in a cottage."

About this time my employer fell ill, and I used to have to go to his house to report on my business trips. There I met his daughter, and I could sense from the beginning that for some reason which was not apparent to me she welcomed my company more warmly than ordinary social courtesy necessitated.

Although she did not evoke in me any emotion comparable to my feelings for the girl in the tennis club, I liked her as I liked any other presentable young woman.

And then gradually and deliberately I set out to marry her—partly because I felt the time had come when I ought to marry and settle down, but mainly because she was my employer's daughter and would presently inherit the business.

Romantic Illusions

Eventually I asked her to marry me, and she accepted, as I knew she would. But this was only after a great deal of heart-searching on my part.

I had to rid myself of a number of illusions which had been instilled into me by every story I had ever seen. "Don't do it," cautioned the romantic side of my nature, "you can't buy happiness. Remember that in marriage love is all important."

"Fiddlesticks!" countered the practical side of my nature. "Look at this thing squarely, and dispassionately, as you would at a business problem. Being in love is not so important a constituent of marriage, anyway. Love dies—and what then? You create your own happiness after that. And if money can't buy happiness, the absence of money can destroy it, particularly for a man like you."

The practical side of my nature won.

But even on my wedding day I had qualms. I looked at my wife-to-be and made a mental resolve that I would make more than moral efforts to assure her happiness.

Bishop Defends Hatless Women

And Says It Is "Perverse" To Stop Them From Entering A Church



Kay Francis, is considered to be the best-dressed woman on the American stage. She is shown with a medal she received for her good taste.

Thinks The Bible Has Been Misinterpreted

IS it wrong for a woman not to wear a hat in church? Some Churchmen think it is; others think it is not. The latest pronouncement is by the Bishop of Ely, who thinks that people who insist that a woman's head shall be covered have perversely misinterpreted St. Paul.

What The Bible Says—

TWO verses from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, chapter xi.—
5. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head.
13. Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

What The Bishop Says—

THE Bishop of Ely (Dr. B. O. F. Heywood), writing in his diocesan Gazette, says:—
"In a rather obscure passage in the First Epistle to the Corinthians, in the interpretation of which the commentators are obviously ill at ease, the writer appears to rule that in the public assemblies of the Church women should be veiled. (St. Paul was not alluding to hats such as in our twentieth century may be displayed in milliners' shops.)



Hyrum Barnett Zaharoff, a 67 years old bootmaker, declares he is the son of the late Sir Basil Zaharoff and consequently legal heir to all his millions. He is seen repairing shoes in his little shop in London.

BORROWED CAP

"Now because St. Paul, in the first century, desired women to be 'veiled' in the public assemblies of the Church in Corinth (a city with a sinister reputation for immorality) some clergy and vergers (the latter acting no doubt under instructions) insist that girls who may be on walking or bicycling tours in the year 1936 and come into a church with bare heads to inspect the architecture should retire.

"It has even been reported to me that on occasion, in order to avoid such a rebuff, a girl has borrowed her boy friend's cap before entering the church.

"This curious and wild deduction from a few verses in St. Paul's Epistle affords a notable example of perversity."

SCIENCE IN THE LAUNDRY

WASHING IS AN ART TO-DAY

HARSH words often rise to your lips when you put on a clean shirt: the material has shrunk, the collar pinches your throat, the buttons are broken, the cuffs are frayed—and you blame the laundry.

You are wrong. Modern laundries are conducted like scientific laboratories. Your shirt is subjected to treatment as carefully rehearsed and as thoroughly tested as if it were a patient that had been sent to hospital.

It is washed in water just short of boiling point, but coloured goods do best in water at 112 degrees Fahrenheit and woollens in water barely above blood-heat.

THE REASON WHY

That yellow-bordered tea-cloth you liked so much came to pieces in your hand not because the laundry had used "chemicals," but because the yellow dye set up chemical action fatal to the cloth while it was being washed.

That bath-room curtain with its gay red border faded because light acted on the red tint during the laundering.

These things and many others have been discovered at the laboratories of the British Launderers' Research Association, an extension to which is to be opened in Hendon to-day by Sir William Bragg, president of the Royal Society.

CYCLE-WHEEL DEVICE

Under the direction of Mr. F. C. Harwood, soaps, "washing" solutions, conditions under which various articles are best cleaned are all investigated.

The various solutions are tested by a device like a cycle-wheel, on each spoke of which is a bottle. Each bottle contains a different solution, and a piece of material.

The wheel whirls round and the pieces of wool are then examined. The best washed is noted and the solution responsible is recommended for that material.

Various manufacturers are thinking of issuing a certificate of "laundability," based on tests laid down by the Association.

500,000 Gallons Of Rum Destroyed In Fire

Brisbane, Dec. 20.
A HALF a million gallons of rum were destroyed in a fire at a distillery at Bundaberg (Queensland) to-day. The fire was the worst in Queensland's history. Damage is estimated at more than £1,000,000.—Exchange.

RADIO BROADCAST

A Talk on World Affairs By Sir Frederick Whyte.

PIANOFORTE RECITAL

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Wavelength of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.), 31.40 metres (9.52 megacycles).

12.30 p.m. A Concert.
1 p.m. Time and Weather.
1.03 p.m. The London Theatre Orchestra.

1.25 p.m. Reuter Press, Rugby Press, Weather, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Rotary Club Tiffin Speech from the Roof-Garden of the Hong-kong Hotel.

"Experiences in the Royal Navy" by Captain A. J. L. Murray, R.N., D.S.O., D.B.E.

2.10 p.m. Close Down.
4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7 p.m. Alfredo Campoli and His Concert Orchestra.

Old Bohemian Town (Marsden and Kennedy); Cara Mia (Dilever and Fricker); Teddy Bears' Picnic (Bratton); Romance in moonlight—Selection; Magyar Melodies (Vilmos, arr. Percy); Wedding Dance Waltz (Lincke); An Old World Garden—Selection; "With the Classics" (arr. Sidney Crook).

7.30 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Killy Masters (Vocal).

"Piano"—"Rose Marie"—Selection; "Poor Little Rich Girl"—Selection; Song—"When the swallows nest again; Sweetheart, let's grow old together; Piano—Sweetheart Joe, The Candy Man; A Cavalcade of Martial Tunes; Song—A melody from the sky; Piano—"Queen of Hearts"—Selection.

8 p.m. Time, Weather, and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden.

"Faust"—Ballet Music (Gounod); The "Sleeping Beauty"—Waltz (Tchaikovsky).

8.25 p.m. From the Studio. A Pianoforte Recital by Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L.

1. Nocturne in B major (Chopin); Prelude in D flat (Chopin); 2. Two movements from the Valse Suite, "Three-Fours" (Coleridge-Taylor); (a) in A flat major; (b) in C minor; 3. Gavotte in D (Balfour Gardiner).

8.40 p.m. A Recital by Miliza Korjus (Soprano), (Denza); La Danza (Rossini); La Villanelle (Dell'Acqua).

8.55 p.m. News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. Light Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.

Algerian Scene (Ketelbey); Remembrance (Mario Meli); Exilase—Reverie (Ganne); O Sole Mio (Di Capua).

9.30 p.m. Light Orchestral Music.

Slavonic Dance No. 10 in E minor (Dvorak); "Careless Rapture"—The Miracle of Nicholas (Temple Ballet Music); (Ivor Novello); Bridge of Lovers (Ivor Novello); Entry of the Boyars (Halvorsen); Jodelou—Tango Trizane (Jacob Gade).

10 p.m. Big Ben, "World Affairs" by Sir Frederick Whyte, K.C.S.I., L.D.

10.15 p.m. Dance Music.

11 p.m. Close Down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

The following wave-length and frequencies are observed by Daventry.

Station	Frequency	Wave-length
GSA	4,100 k.c.	49.20 metres
GSD	4,210 k.c.	51.25 metres
GSE	4,320 k.c.	53.25 metres
GSD	11,750 k.c.	25.52 metres
GSE	11,860 k.c.	25.25 metres
GSD	12,000 k.c.	25.00 metres
GSE	17,700 k.c.	16.86 metres
GSD	17,810 k.c.	16.57 metres
GSE	18,000 k.c.	16.67 metres
GSD	21,540 k.c.	13.84 metres
GSE	21,650 k.c.	13.80 metres
GSD	21,760 k.c.	13.76 metres

Transmission 1
(G.S.D., G.S.E.)
7 p.m. Big Ben, "Sealed Orders."
7.30 p.m. Light Music.
7.45 p.m. "Empire Exchange."
8 p.m. Choral Music.
8.15 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 8.45 p.m.

Transmission 2
(G.S.D., G.S.E.)
7 p.m. Big Ben, "Festival of Food."
7.30 p.m. The B.B.C. Northern Ireland Orchestra.
8.30 p.m. Variety.
8.45 p.m. Harry Engelman's Quintet, with Harmonica, Adcock (Kilgoburn).
8.55 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.15 p.m.
9.15 p.m. The Emily Carrillier Silver Fiddle Band.

Transmission 3
(G.S.D., G.S.E., G.S.I.)
10 p.m. Big Ben, "World Affairs."
10.15 p.m. Light French Music.
11.15 p.m. Variety.
11.40 p.m. The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
12.10 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 a.m.
12.50 a.m. Organ Solos.

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1,919 Coins To Pay A Speed Fine

And He Was A Farthing Short

A canvas bag containing 1,919 copper coins was slipped in front of Southend Police Court clerk recently by George William Smith, local "Wall of Death" rider, in payment of a £25 speeding fine.

"You can't pay like that," the clerk said. Smith was told to wait till the court closed.

Later he was directed to go to an adjoining room and count the copper coins, two policemen acting as checkers.

The count disclosed that the bag contained 950 pennies and 959 farthings—one farthing short of £25.

When Smith returned to court his case was adjourned for a week.

Smith rode away on a penny-farthing bicycle.

[Copper is legal tender for sums to one shilling and silver to £2.]

Army Giving Up The Sword

By A Military Correspondent

THE days of the sword as a weapon are numbered. The lance of the Lancers was withdrawn from service eight years ago. To-day the sword is losing its authority as an effective instrument of war.

"Swords will be carried on active service and in 'marching order' by officers serving in cavalry regiments only." My authority for that statement is the latest edition of "Dress Regulations."

Subject to that proviso, swords will be carried on parades and duties unless otherwise directed. Swords will continue in use for ceremonial occasions, but the "competent authority" state that swords will not be worn on board ship, at mess, or at stables, except by the Worcestershire Regiment, where the orderly officer and captain of the week may wear swords with mess dress.

By amalgamation and conversion our horse Cavalry Regiments of the Line have been reduced, since the Great War, to ten. There are two Armoured Car Regiments designated "cavalry," and eight other regiments have been converted or are in the course of conversion to Light Tank or other type of mechanised unit.

AGE OF ANACHRONISMS

There are so many anachronisms in the Army to-day as to make it difficult to decide what exactly is meant by "officers serving in cavalry regiments." The elimination of the horse for the petrol machine will, in any event, reduce very considerably the personnel armed with the sabre. As for the ten horse regiments remaining, they will be employed in future either as divisional or army troops as circumstances require.

Shock action cavalry is an operation of the past. Close reconnaissance will be their principal role. Hence the passing of the sword as a general arm for mounted troops when employed in the active field.

The sword is also a "back number" in the infantry. But the sword will have its ceremonial uses in peace as much the same way as the wearing of spurs by officers of the Tank Corps, armoured car regiments, mechanised artillery, and Educational Corps.

The Admiralty last month decided that the cutlass was no longer to form part of the equipment of men landed for service. Its employment at ceremonial parades and at funerals will, however, continue unchanged.

Start On Great New Cunarder

NO FUSS, NO CEREMONY

AT 10 o'clock one morning recently 40 workmen stood beside an empty berth in Brown's shipyard, Clydebank.

Orders to begin work were given by Mr. Donald M. Skiffington, yard manager, and two foremen superintending the work.

A steam crane lifted a steel plate 300 feet long; carried it a few yards, and laid it on red pine blocks at the bottom of the berth. Men levered the plate with great bars into the exact position marked out for it.

In this manner, without fuss or ceremony, the first plate of the keel of the Cunarder, Number 552, sister ship of the Queen Mary and the greatest liner the world has known, was laid.

PROBABLE CHANGES

Platers and drillers worked for three months on the high-tensile-steel plates, boring thousands of rivet holes and shaping the plates.

The bow and stern parts of the keel will be laid later, as changes will probably be made in their design as the result of continuous experiments carried out by the designers in a tank.

The keel will be built on a gradual curve, calculated so that it will assume a level horizontal line when the weight of engines and boilers has been added.

NEW MARVEL CLOCK

Second's Error In 100,000 Years

The man whose clocks assist the Astronomer Royal in measuring the time of the world has produced a new marvel clock.

He is Mr. F. Hope-Jones, of the Synchronome Company, to whom householders owe the boom of time over the electric light wires.

For centuries clockmakers have been trying to produce the perfect two-dialled clock, operating from a single mechanism, for recording both mean solar time and sidereal time—time in relation to the stars.

AT A GLANCE

Recently Dr. L. J. Comrie has worked out the true ratio between the two times—the mean solar day is 24 hours 3 minutes 55.55336 seconds in sidereal time. As a result Mr. Hope-Jones has been able to produce an electric grid-driven clock which is almost perfect.

If the clock ran for 100,000 years the error between the two dials would, it is claimed, be less than one second.

The practical value of the clock is that it will allow astronomers to have sidereal time translated into Greenwich mean time at a glance.

A £300,000 WINDFALL

FORTUNE FROM FORGOTTEN SHARES

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.
A fortune estimated to be worth £300,000 has come to Mr. Robert Cummings, a screen actor, and his mother from stock which he has considered for years to be utterly worthless.

His father, Dr. C. C. Cummings, of Joplin, Missouri, invested £10,000 in some gold mining properties shortly before his death.

The stock was virtually forgotten, until the other day when Mr. Cummings was advised that the company in which the money was invested had struck it rich.—Reuter.



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COMMENCING TO-MORROW

CICELY COURTNEIDGE AS CIRCUS QUEEN IN A ROLICKING COMEDY

Cicely Courtneidge

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

MAX MILLER
WILLIAM GARGAN
ALBERT DE COURVILLE
SPARKLING ENTERTAINMENT
BRIMFUL OF LAUGHTER

\$40,000 Swimming Bath Project At U. S. R. C.

MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST

Decision In January

(By "Veritas")

With a site chosen and plans prepared, members of the United Services Recreation Club are now considering whether they are willing to finance a project for the erection of a \$40,000 swimming pool.

Present indications appear to be in the negative, though as yet only one third of the members have replied to the circular soliciting for their opinions, and the remainder have still up to January 5 to make their response.

I am told that, unless there is a majority in favour of the scheme, and willing to support its financing, the whole thing will be held in abeyance indefinitely.

If, by increased subscriptions and other forms of monetary contributions, the members are willing to finance the project, the swimming bath, modern in every detail, will be built on a site in the club's spacious grounds. Plans have been prepared and approved and an estimated cost is \$40,000.

The entire membership of the club has been circulated to discover the feeling regarding the financing of the scheme, and a definite statement is expected to be available to members after the next Finance Committee meeting on January 6.

In the meantime U.S.R.C. members who have not yet replied to the questionnaire, would greatly assist the committee by doing so between now and January 5, as the club is not desirous of taking any step in this important matter without being assured that it has behind it the action support of the majority of members.

IMPORTANT POINT OF FOOTBALL TRAINING

Training a football player physically is child's play compared to the job of getting him keyed up mentally.

That's the opinion of John P. Smith, coach of Duquesne University. Smith is a firm believer in psychology as a powerful factor in football training.

"Fully 75 per cent. of the task of preparing a team for a game lies in training the players mentally and producing the correct frame of mind," Smith says. "It is much easier to train them physically as it is a tangible thing and any defects are at once apparent, whereas the psychological factor is something you cannot easily remedy."

"Psychology," says Smith, "when used with great care is a potent force which will enable a team to surmount great obstacles. However, a coach must be extremely careful in employing this science, as it often proves to be a boomerang and creates exactly the condition to be avoided."



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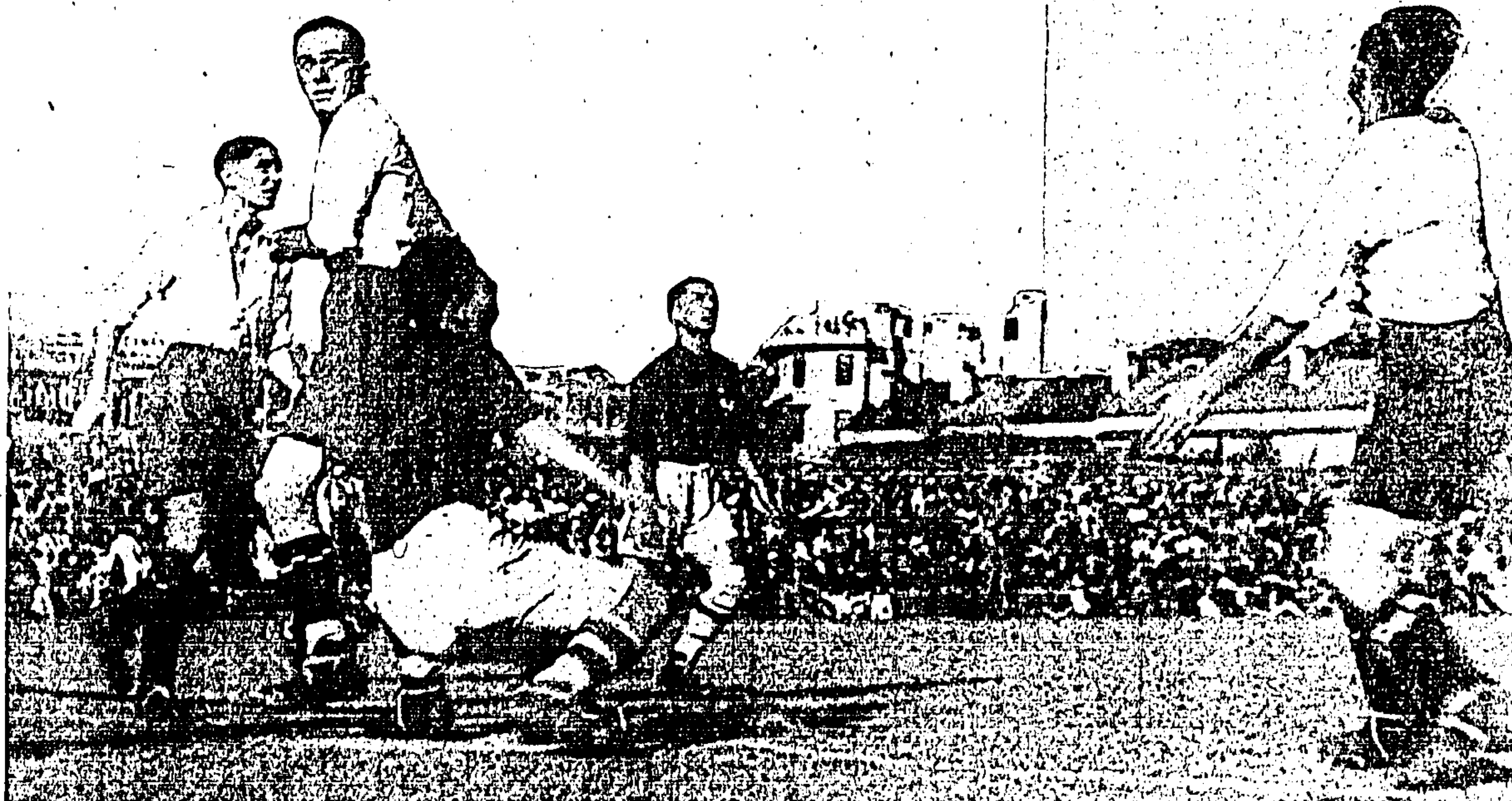
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LOOK OUT YOU ENGLISH DEFENDERS!

A magnificent camera study secured during Saturday's exciting International Charity Cup Match between England and China, showing Swain, England right back heading away from a dangerous attack on his goal. Anxiously watching him is "Sonny" Bliss and Forrow of England, while two of the China forwards are in close attendance. This extraordinary fine action picture was taken by King's Studio.



Clubhouse Chatter

By "Veritas"

ARMY CRICKET NOT YET LOSING LT. CLIVE GARTHWAITE

MILITARY FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL TO-MORROW: TABLE BADMINTON

CRICKETERS in Hongkong will be delighted to know that Lieut. Clive Garthwaite, popular and accomplished all-rounder, and one of the mainstays of the Army cricket team, is not leaving the Colony next month as previously expected. He will remain here until a later draft moves out of Hongkong—probably in April, so that the Army first eleven will enjoy his valuable services for the remainder of the season. Lieut. Garthwaite is one of the best Army cricketers ever to have been stationed in Hongkong. His bowling has more than once been the deciding factor in securing victory for his team, and as a batsman, both in stylishness and in stroke equipment he has few, if any, superiors in the Colony. He has materially improved his batsmanship during the last two years, his placing on the off side of the wicket being more accurate. He is sometimes criticised for insisting on bowling to a leg field, it being argued that this move often than not costs him accuracy. But both as a trundler and a run-getter Garthwaite

is a potential match-winner, and while they boast of his services, the Army cricket team will always be one of the strongest in the league.

Lt. Ravenhill To Stay

ANOTHER Army sportsman whose transference from the Colony has been put back for a few months is Lieut. Ravenhill, a keen tennis player who figured in the U.S.R.C. league teams last summer. He has done more than that for the United Services tennis. He has been Hon. Secretary of the Club for the past twelve months, duties which he has fulfilled to the complete satisfaction of the club's very large membership. Though Lieut. Ravenhill will not be here for next season's tennis league, his many friends in the Colony will be very pleased to know that he is to remain for at least another four months.

Army Soccer Final

TO-MORROW is a big day in Hongkong military football. The final of the Army Championship (Army Football League) is being played on the Kowloon Football Club ground at 2.45 p.m. Headquarters Wing of the East Lancs. and the 22nd Fortress Company, Royal Engineers are the finalists, the former being the Mainland champions and the latter the Island champions. This consummates a most successful league in which no less than 20 units have participated including the 8th Heavy Brigade, R.A., 12th Heavy Brigade, R.A., 20th Heavy Brigade, R.A., 24th Heavy Brigade, R.A., 6th A.A. Brigade, R.A., 7th A.A. Brigade, R.A., 8th A.A. Brigade, R.A., Hongkong Brigade, H.K. Engineers, 22nd Fortress Company, R.E., 40th Fortress Company, R.E., Hongkong Signal Section, Royal Ulster Rifles, Royal Welch Fusiliers, East Lancashire, 12th Company, R.A.S.C., 27th Company R.A.M.C., R.A.O.C., and R.A.P.C. After to-morrow's match the challenge cup and souvenirs will be presented to the contestants, while representatives of the 8th A.A. Brigade, R.A., C Company, Royal Welch Fusiliers, and D Company, Royal Ulster Rifles will receive Divisional Championship souvenirs. A big crowd of Army soccer enthusiasts is expected to flock to the Railway Ground to cheer to-morrow's teams.

Mrs. N. Wilson Retains Colony Tennis Title

OPPONENT MADE FAR TOO MANY MISTAKES

Hard-Hitting Match

Mrs. Nora Wilson yesterday retained her Colony singles tennis title by defeating Mrs. W. E. Dowling in the final of the 1936 championship 6-1, 6-2.

It was a victory rendered simple by the continuous errors which came from Mrs. Dowling's racket. Though an challenger hit extremely hard, her shots were made indiscriminately, and there was no necessity for Mrs. Wilson to try and force matters. She merely had to wait for the next mistake to come from the other side of the net.

It was a pity Mrs. Dowling could not tone down her enthusiasm a little, as she looked capable of extending the winner to the utmost. Some of her drives were brilliant and defied response from Mrs. Wilson, but it required much more consistency off the ground to break up such a sound game as that of the champion.

The tennis generally was spectacular rather than skilful, the rallies being short and sharp due to the players' powerful hitting. Mrs. Wilson was a worthy defender of the title, and Mrs. Dowling a courageous challenger.

The following list shows the winners of the championship since its inception 15 years ago.

1921 Mrs. Bowden Smith
1922 Mrs. Armstrong
1923 Miss P. Grace
1924 Miss D. Tudor
1925 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham
1926 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham
1927 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham
1928 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham
1929 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham
1930 Miss Enid Lo
1931 Miss Enid Lo
1932 Miss Enid Lo
1933 Mrs. C. P. F. James
1934 Mrs. J. F. Kayll
1935 Mrs. Nora Wilson
1936 Mrs. Nora Wilson

Our Daily Golf Hint

Faulty footwork and faulty swings are so closely allied they can be referred to as twins.

—Kell Greene.

Dutch Girl Swimmer Sets New World Record

Rotterdam, Dec. 28. Miss Mastenbroek, the Dutch Olympic swimmer, to-day established a new world's record for the 400 metres back stroke, when she swam the distance in five minutes 48 8/10 seconds.

She previously held the record with a swim of five minutes 49 8/10 seconds. —Reuter.

DONOGHUE NOT TO RETIRE YET

Famous Jockey Denies Reports; Will Apply For Licence Again

London. Reports that Steve Donoghue, winner of six Derbys, nine times champion jockey and once a dead-heater with E. C. Elliott, would cease to ride after this season are incorrect.

"I shall apply for my licence to ride next season as usual," he said to Reuter. "In all probability, however, it will be my last year as a jockey, and in the following season I will set up as a trainer. I have had offers of engagements to ride abroad this winter, but at the moment, I am not inclined to accept."

If Steve rides next season he will be riding in his 54th year. Few, if any, oldtimers could have approached this. The oldest living champion jockey is Charles Wood, who is 82. But he gave up riding at the age of 44.

Table Badminton

YESTERDAY'S announcement in the Telegraph that Table Badminton is being popularised in England, reminded me that this game has long been played in Hongkong, though not among a great number of people. I first came across it at the Fire Brigade social club, where it was being used as a pleasant alternative to table tennis. I also see that complete sets are now on sale in the Colony. There is no reason why it should not become a very popular indoor pastime. It is not cumbersome, neither does one need so much room for moving about as in table tennis. It is a first rate game for developing a keen eye, and it retains much of the fun of its parent game without being quite so strenuous. It has not been adopted generally in the clubs here as yet, but I believe it will be just as soon as players discover how attractive a game it is.

Fight Money Runs High In United States

London. A prospective million dollar (£200,000) "gate" for a fight between a champion who would not even risk his title. These are two of the latest fight features from America—features which ordinary Britons sometimes find difficulty in accepting otherwise than with a great deal of reserve.

The sum of £200,000 has been offered to James J. Braddock to meet Joe Louis, the Detroit "bomber" in a ten round contest at Atlantic City (New Jersey) on February 22 of next year.

The man who is confident of a "million dollar gate" is Herman Taylor, well-known Philadelphia promoter.

Apparently £200,000 is not always a sufficient incentive to help make up one's mind, for Joe Gould, Braddock's manager, intimates that he is "interested" but unable to reply definitely without giving the matter further consideration.

BADMINTON

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. PROGRAMME IN "A" DIVISION

The official fixture list for the Chinese Y.M.C.A. who have been transferred from the "B" Division to the "A" Division of the Hongkong Badminton League has been issued.

The matches in no way affect the fixtures set out in the official handbook, but are additional to them.

The Chinese "Y" open their new programme on Monday next with a home match against Recreio "B"—a match which will indicate how the newcomers are likely to fare in the senior division.

The complete programme for the season follows.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.
January 4.—versus Recreio "B" (home).
January 11.—versus Free Lancers (away).
January 25.—versus Recreio "A" (away).
February 1.—versus St. Andrew's "A" (home).
February 8.—versus Chinese R.C. (away).
February 22.—versus Chinese R.C. (home).
March 1.—versus St. Andrew's "A" (away).
March 8.—versus Recreio "A" (home).
March 15.—versus Free Lancers (home).
March 17.—versus University "A" (away).
March 24.—versus University "B" (home).
March 29.—versus Recreio "B" (away).
April 2.—versus University "A" (home).
April 5.—versus University "B" (away).

CHINA TO FOSTER HER ATHLETES

WORLD OLYMPIAD COMMITTEE

Nanking, Dec. 23. That the Chinese Embassy in London should be requested to offer a part-time job to Mr. Kho Sin-ke, Chinese tennis star now visiting in Europe, in order to enable him to go to college in England, was decided at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the China National Amateur Athletic Federation held here this morning.

Presided over by Dr. Chang Pong, President of Nankai University and Chairman of the board, the meeting also decided to invite Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Finance, and Mr. William L. Sung, Secretary-General of the Association, to be new members of the China World Olympiad Committee. It was also decided at the meeting to submit a petition to the Central Government asking for the appropriation of ordinary funds to the board for next year. The meeting was attended by Dr. C. T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador-designate to America, Mr. Gunson Hok, Superintendent of Physical Education of the Ministry of Education, and others.

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SHOULD GOLFERS BE RESTRICTED IN THE NUMBER OF CLUBS THEY SHOULD USE?

Since the President of the United States Golf Association announced, a year ago, that unless players restricted voluntarily the number of clubs carried, legislative action would be taken, the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews is contemplating similar measures.

At present, there is nothing in the nature of a concrete proposal, though several suggestions have been made as to the maximum number of clubs a player should be permitted to take round with him, not necessarily carried by himself. Obviously, if there were no caddies the question of restriction would not arise, for it is impossible to imagine any player dragging round a bag containing 20 to 24 clubs, a number not unusual in the case of many famous players, mostly Americans.

Personally, I am opposed to any form of restriction, because of the blow that is struck at the fundamental principle of the liberty of the subject. If a player wishes to be accompanied by a "walking founder," let him; besides, no harm is being done to anyone, except, perhaps, to the caddy, and he, more over, has the last word when it comes to a question of overloading. That he is not by any means a dumb creature, to be exploited at will, is shown by many of the conversations I have overheard between caddy and employer.

"Don't you think we can leave a few of these behind, sir?" is not an infrequent observation, and in the end the caddy generally has his way. Only the other day, at a well-known London club, I came across a rare instance of an adamant employer. "Very well, sir," said the caddy respectfully, "I cannot carry for you," and, as the other caddies were not prepared to blackleg, the player had no option but to give way.

He was left with thirteen clubs, six being left behind, together with—was it a fine day—a pair of macintosh trousers and coat, an extra sweater, a pair of shoes, and an umbrella. In another instance the difficulty was overcome by the employer, a somewhat difficult person, saying, "Then we will have two caddies." So off they went, one carrying the "extras," such as clothes and the various grades of mangle-ribbeds and nibblies—six in all. In many of his championships in this country Hagen employed two caddies, one who acted as a fore-caddy and also carried the "extras." The question of a reduction in armaments is not a new one, the cry of "too many clubs" having been raised many times in the last few years. Apart from interference with the liberty of the player, the question affects seriously the manufacturing side of golf.

TRADE DISTURBANCES

Countless thousands of clubs are made in this country every year vast quantities of which are exported to every part of the world, and any restrictive measure on a player's equipment would have repercussions in many directions. The heavy financial losses, and trade disturbances, would heavily outweigh any possible advantages that might accrue from restriction, the only tangible one being that the caddy would have a little less weight to carry. The belief is that if the Royal and Ancient decide to introduce restrictive measures, which could only apply to the championships under their direct control, they will have reference to the number of iron clubs a player is to carry, or be carried, and that the wooden clubs would not be interfered with. It is in the iron clubs that golfers have of recent years greatly increased their equipment, though some now carry as many as six woods—two drivers (medium and heavy shaft), two brasses (heavy and light), and two spoons (flat and rounded sole). If restriction is in the realms of practical politics, the question arises:

"To what number should the irons be limited?" It is the view of several distinguished players that ten is ample for any purpose and for any course. Allowing three woods—driver, brassie, and spoon—this would leave six irons and a putter. Some people will say: "Quite enough, too; in fact, far too many." Personally, I disagree.

CLUBS TO DISAPPEAR

Of the present modern sets of matched iron clubs, numbered from one to ten, including a sand-wedge niblick, which has become extremely popular, four would necessarily have to disappear. To decide on which four would not be an easy matter. The first to go would, I suppose, be the No. 1, a useful implement in the hands of the good player, but not often used by the double-figure handicap man, who relies on the spoon to take its place.

As the Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 would retain their places, the player would have to choose between the 6 (spade-mashie), 7 (mashie-niblick), 8 (deeper and more lofted mashie-niblick), 9 (ordinary niblick), and 10 (sand-wedge or "blinker," as it is called in America) for the remaining two clubs to make up the complement of ten. In most cases the two retained would, I think, be No. 7 and either 9 or 10, probably the latter.

In my opinion, supposing restriction is to be imposed, which I sincerely trust will not, the ideal number of clubs is thirteen—three woods, nine irons, and a putter. Of the present sets of irons, I would drop the No. 1, on the shafts for which it is intended can be played with either No. 9 or No. 10. But it is not certain that No. 10 (sand-wedge) will long be a legal implement, for it is contended that the huge wedge of metal at the sole of the club makes for a mechanical rather than a skillful shot.

THE SAND-WEDGE

It is true that recovery from bunnies is made easier by use of the sand-wedge club, but I fail to see why this should be a bar to its use, for anything that adds to the enjoyment of the golfer, and helps to make the round more pleasant, is, in my view, altogether desirable. Unfortunately, too many people think only in terms of the expert, and forget entirely the great army of handicap players who are the backbone of the game, and play at it purely for amusement and relaxation.

It is the same with the ball. "Let me have a ball (say the reformers) who the expert, and the stogger, cannot hit so far; they are ruining the game." Again, they forget that the average player cannot hit the present ball far enough, and that there is no fear he will ever ruin the game by reason of the distance he gets, or is ever likely to get.

In the process of evolution, golf has become an intensely fascinating game played by millions of people in all parts of the inhabited globe. Why place a check on progress and evolution? If players in their vanity, or otherwise, reason may be, wish to carry a battery of clubs, by all means let them do so; in all probability, they will play neither worse nor better, because of a set of irons numbered from one to ten with various intermediaries like the 4X, 5X, 7X, and "chipper" bringing the number of completed set up to sixteen.

The average golfer need not be unduly alarmed, for if restriction does come it will only apply to the championships over which the R. and A. has jurisdiction, and not to club and ordinary tournaments and competitions. It is scarcely conceivable that, in a friendly match, a player will say to another, "Look here, you are carrying more than the permitted number of clubs; you are disqualified."



COX (3 FT.)—AND COACH

Here is 3 ft. H. V. P. Massey, cox of the Oxford trial Varsity boat race crew, snapped together with Coach J. C. Cherry.

KID BERG TO MAKE COMEBACK ATTEMPT

"Still Years Of Boxing In Me," He Declares

London. Jack (Kid) Berg is coming to the ring. He says that the urge to fight has got the better of him, and that he will come back to the ring, this time as a welter-weight.

Berg is one of the few men who really enjoys a scrap, and he has had some pretty fierce fights in his day. "I feel sure that I can regain my old form," he said, "I am only 27 years of age, in the prime of life, and there are still years of boxing in me. It is my intention to take part in contests with second, even third-class lads, boxing as often as possible, until the time arrives when I can once again meet the world's best."

Buffalo, N.Y. State. Jimmy Clark, the negro Olympic boxer, won his first fight as a professional here, but his opponent, Paul Mahoney, a local fighter, has disputed the decision.

He says he only heard the referee count up to nine. The disputed knockout occurred in the third round. Clark appeared to have won the previous two rounds. At Mahoney's request a rematch has been arranged. Clark readily assented to another fight. "I can knock out Mahoney any night in the week," he said to the promoter.—Reuter.

OXFORD'S CHANCES REALLY GREATER Prospects Are Bright

The greater interest taken recently in the Oxford trials at Henley than in those at Cambridge probably signifies that although people cannot give Oxford many more chances to stop the rot, word has gone round that something is likely to happen at last, writes a correspondent of the Evening Standard.

For example, Oxford have taken to swiftness. Although too much has been made of rowlocks in the past, this change does show a spirit of enterprise and determination previously lacking. Some crews row equally well with either rowlock, but Oxford, having failed so dismally with fixed pins, could surely have experimented earlier.

Another good portent is that the new Oxford president, J. S. Lewis, is a man of great popularity and real personality. And more depends upon this when a crew goes into strict training than is ever realized by the towpath critics.

SIX OLD BLUES

Lewis has six old Blues, whereas Cambridge has three. These three all rowed in the Olympic Games, but oddly enough were not by any means the pick of last year's boat race crew. All the old Blues available at Oxford—M. G. C. Ashby, K. V. Garfield, D. M. de R. Winsor, D. B. Myrnes, J. C. Cherry, and Lewis himself—may not be chosen but their presence is bound to stimulate competition.

Then, too, Oriel, who for years have been the most advanced and successful rowing college at Oxford, have himself not been chosen for a result stroke and seven in "A" crew, who were A. B. Hodgson and G. Huse, were used to each other's methods, and should be watched from now on.

A lot of publicity will come the way of H. V. P. Massey, the smallest cox ever, but on his steering on Saturday he is not at all certain to be seen at Putney.

THE COACHES

Dr. Pat Mallon, who rowed three times in the race and was at-bow when Oxford last won is now in practice at Oxford and is to start the duties of coaching. Oxford mean to give swiftness a thoroughly good trial, and Mr. Charles Rex has been asked to make periodic visits to advise on their proper use. Another new coach, Mr. "Gully" Nickalls will follow, and Mr. Rethbone, who certainly had the right manner last year, will again wind up.

At Cambridge, "Two-legs" Hellyer and Mr. Kenneth Payne, who coached the Olympic crew, have been asked to help, and so has J. R. Best, who has not yet coached a University crew, and, indeed, never rowed in one, though he stroked a trial eight very well.

BENNY LYNCH AND HIS TITLES

To Meet Irish & Puerto Rican Champions

London, Nov. 20. Benny Lynch, the Scottish holder of the British, European and world fly-weight championship, will defend his crowns against Jimmy Warneck, the Irish champion, and fight Sixto Escobar, of Puerto Rico, for the world bantamweight title in Glasgow next summer.

Recently a substantial offer was made to Escobar to stake his crown against Lynch in the open air next year, and the Glasgow promoters are hopeful of obtaining the signature of the Puerto Rican.

Jimmy Johnstone, the Madison Square Garden matchmaker, will be a rival in the promotion field. He is hopeful of securing the services of Lynch for a bantamweight championship fight in New York.—Reuter.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL FIXTURES The New Year Programme

The following are the fixtures for the week:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
China v. Rest of the Colony, Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.; Referee, Scrutton; Linesmen, K. K. Ip and Finch.

SATURDAY
First Division
Club v. East Lanes, Club ground, 4 p.m.; Referee, Kossick; Linesmen, Cannore and Higham.

Reclio v. Navy, King's Park, 4 p.m.; Referee, Jarmain; Linesmen, Lane and Mason.
Police v. Kowloon "C", Kowloon, 4 p.m.; Referee, Payne; Linesmen, Hammond and Sandford.
Eastern v. Kowloon, Navy, 4 p.m.; Referee, Casson; Linesmen, Richardson and Chaplin.

South China "B" v. R.W.F., Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referee, Smyth; Linesmen, Searies and Westbury.

Club v. East Lanes, Club ground, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Clarke.
R.A. (S) v. Navy, Chatham Road, 4 p.m.; Referee, T. Davies.
R.A. (L) v. R.E., M2; Referee, Goodfellow.

Police "C" v. Kowloon "C", Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Gavthorpe.

Eastern v. Kowloon, Navy, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Huxley.
South China v. R.W.F., Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Back.

Third Division
Reclio R.A.O.C., King's Park, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, R. F. Jones.
Liga v. R.A.F., Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Ball.
R.A.M.C. v. R.W.F., M1; Referee, Gomes.

SUNDAY
First Division
St. Joseph's v. South China "A", Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.; Referee, Randall; Linesmen, Rolfe and Farr.

R.U.R. v. Chinese A.A., Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referee, Richards; Linesmen, Swain and Jones.

Second Division
R.U.R. v. Chinese A.A., Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Haddleton.

Third Division
St. Joseph's v. R.E., Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Crawford.
Police v. R.A.S.C., Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, T. F. Jones.

Police "E" v. Kowloon R. Kowloon, 4 p.m.; Referee, Bromley.
Kwong Wah v. East Lanes, Chatham Road, 4 p.m.; Referee, Cossens.

JUNIOR SHIELD
The Junior Shield match between the R.A.O.C. and R.A. (L) will be played on Wednesday, January 6, at Sookunpoo at 4 p.m. Mr. Mathewson will referee.

PLAYER SUSPENDED
The Emergency Committee of the Hongkong Football Association met yesterday evening to discuss the case of A.A. Rumjohn, of St. Joseph's, who was sent off the field in a Third Division League match against Kwong Wah two weeks ago. After the facts had been heard the Committee decided to suspend Rumjohn for the rest of the season.

CHARITY FOOTBALL
LEE WAI-TONG TO PLAY IN SUIYUAN FUND MATCH
Lee Wai-tong, captain of the Chinese Olympic soccer team, who announced his retirement from active football shortly after his return to Hongkong, has agreed to take part in the match arranged between China and the Rest in aid of the Suiyuan Refugee Fund.

The game will be played on New Year's Day at Caroline Hill, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The following is China's team: Pau Ka-ping; Leung In-chai; Li Ting-sang; Leung Wing-chiu; Wong Mee-shun; Li Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing; Chan Tak-fai; Lee Wai-tong; Lai Shiu-wing and Tay Quee-lung.

The final match in the Area Championship (Army Football League) will be played on the Kowloon F.C. ground at 2.45 p.m. to-morrow between H. Q. Wing, East Lanes (Mainland champions) and 22 Fri. Coy, R.E. (Island champions). Admission is free.

The Challenge Cup and souvenirs will be presented to the contestants at the conclusion of the match.

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Why? Because golf then was by no means the simple game it is today.

There is Sandy Herd's word for it, and Archie Compston's, too, though he is a youngster compared with Sandy, who is getting on for seventy now.

Sandy, looking back, remembers the gully (cutta percha) ball and greens that were like woolly carpets instead of billiard tables.

To-day, he says, there are steel shafts, a club for every kind of shot, and most players have 100 per cent more clubs in their bags than they did when he was a boy.

"Why, there was a time when I could give a scratch player five or six strokes in a round. I couldn't do it now, in these days of werra, werra now, minute handicapping. The scratch man is those five or six strokes better than he was when I was a lad."

Archie Compston believes that intensive competition and practice have improved the standard of golf as well as better clubs, courses and balls.

"Years ago," he said, "you'd only see two people practising before a competition. They were Jim Barnes and Archie Compston. Now the courses are little battlegrounds. Golf has become tremendously simplified. The apprenticeship is easier—steel shafts are a great help to the young person taking it up."

WOULDN'T KNOW IT

"In fact, if our grandfathers came back they wouldn't recognise the game."

"The difference between golf now and golf 50 years ago is like the difference between an old stage coach and a modern motor-car. It's that much more luxurious, so to speak."

"Mind you, it's the man in the street who is making golf so popular and is taking it so seriously. The chap who can't afford to belong to a private club, the people who go to municipal courses at seven o'clock on a Sunday morning and wait quite happily until 11 before they can drive off."

"The municipal courses are the homes of the artisan golfers—fine players, many of them, with scratch handicaps."

Under the new rule any player with a club handicap of one or less may enter.

There is a feeling already that it is a mistake.

Said one golf authority: "From the point of view of the Royal and Ancient Club, the idea is excellent, especially financially."

"Each player pays an entrance fee of two guineas, and I estimate there will be twice as many entries next year as there were this."

"It's a commonplace, too, that a large number of handicap golfers never play to it—scratch golfers to scratch, for that matter. There was some elasticity about the old 'eligibility list'."

"What I want to know is: how are they going to crowd all the entrants in?"

"The point is that the first players out each day already have to be away by eight o'clock in the morning. Next year they will have to start still earlier or else the meeting will have to be prolonged over its usual week."

SCHMELING SPEAKS OF HIS CHANCES

Confident He Will Beat Braddock

Bremen, Dec. 22. On his arrival here from the United States the German heavy-weight boxing champion, Max Schmeling, made a statement on his chances in the forthcoming fight with the world champion, James Braddock.

Braddock, Schmeling said, had a very finished technique and boxed not only with his fists but also with his head. Nevertheless Schmeling was confident of his prospects of beating the reigning champion and retaining the title in June of next year.

Schmeling will return to the United States in the middle of February in order to go on a tour giving exhibition fights, starting at Baltimore and ending at Miami. He will then go into training quarters in the mountains near the Canadian frontier.

Jockeys' Dead-Heat Golf

By Diana Fishwick

Ten well-known jockeys, led by Bobby Jones and with Gordon Richards as their last man, played a team of international women golfers, led by Miss Enid Wilson, at the Romford Club (Essex) recently. Although the handicapping was mostly done by guesswork it worked out satisfactorily on the whole. The match was drawn, each side scoring five points; winning four matches and halving two.

The jockeys have asked for a return match. Mr. Middlemas, captain of the Romford Club and the owner of the racehorse Fairplay, organised the match. A large poster marking the ninth green, as Tottenham Corner gave a race atmosphere. Miss Enid Wilson and Bobby Jones played level, but Jones handicapped himself at the starting gate by taking the wrong fence and going out of bounds and he was ultimately beaten by five and four. Miss Wilson being round in 74.

MORE DEFEATS

Harry Wragg and Fred Lane, each receiving nine strokes, meritoriously defeated Miss Wanda Morgan and Miss Garon. Sam Wragg and Arthur Wragg fell to Miss Phyllis Wade and Miss Garnham on 13 and 17 strokes allowance. I could not give 14 strokes to Dick Perryman although I was round in 77. He was out in 43 and played very good golf.

Miss Gaddock Harropp by putting into his own hut, which had blown off.

The greatest interest centred on Gordon Richards, who defeated Miss Audrey Holmes by one hole.

Richards did some deadly work with a No. 3 iron, and although he took fright at his lead when three up with five to play, he just kept his nose in front till past the post. Michael Berry was walking round encouraging his runners.

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Sir Edgar Britten was, at one time or another, in command of all the big Cunard White Star ships. The skipper of a modern ferry boat has to be a business man, a statesman, a diplomat and a seaman-navigator all rolled into one.

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Sir Edgar Britten solved this problem so well that passengers fought for the privilege of sailing with him, and, in this summary of his career, he tells stories which show unconsciously why he was one of the most popular masters the Cunard Line ever had. The book should have a large sale with all who follow, or who are interested in, life at sea to-day, and the chapter on submarine losses during the war is full of vital interest, especially to the thousands mentioned in it. There are yarns, too, of cardsharps, pleasure cruises, troopships and storms and gales—all the adventures which come the way of an ocean wanderer. And the volume closes with a short description of the sea funeral which Captain Britten had always desired.

BOOKS of the Week

EDITED BY ROGER PIPPETT

Bill Adams has been known for some time as a writer of short stories about the sea.

This autobiography is his first full-length work. It tells the story of his apprenticeship in sail, of a day which has gone, and tells it in a thrilling series of episodes. To go through it is like taking a four-year trip round the world. It is frank and in places, crude, but it is the real stuff—some of your heroes, just an unvarnished, very readable account of what it used to be like to be off the Horn in a howling gale, undermanned, with the sails in rags and living on hard tack and poor coffee all the time.

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The late PETER LEE

MINER

PETER LEE
By Jack Lawson, M.P.
(Hodder and Stoughton, 5s.)

NO one who met Peter Lee, the tall, handsome miner, leader whom, because of a certain likeness, his friends called "Old Shakespeare," is likely to forget him. And Mr. Lawson has seen to it that no one who reads this affectionate and most human biography will forget him, too.

He was born seventy-two years ago in Duff Heap Row, Five Houses, Trimdon Grange, Durham. At ten he began work as a pit-boy driver. And before he died in 1935 he had helped to change the face of the grey North-East. "Peter Lee was always late in finding his place."

He was nearly forty years of age when he really came to solid public work, fifty-five when he was elected to the chair of the Durham County Council, fifty-six when he became a miners' agent, sixty-six before he was General Secretary of the Durham Miners' Association and nearly seventy on his election to the Presidency of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain.

His earliest memories were of moving from village to village, "viewing our English lanes from the top of a wagonload of furniture or sitting behind the wagon on a cold winter's day." Restlessly his father went from colliery to colliery. In twenty-two years the little home was sold twenty-one times crossing from Durham to Lancashire and back over the Pennines.

As a young man, Peter Lee wandered farther still—to the United States and to the Rand—before he settled down to serve his own people.

Those were the days when working men carried dog-eared and heavily pencilled copies of *Britain for the British* and *Merrill England* in their pockets, reading them everywhere. When "staid Trade Union leaders" demanded that "Union should be kept out of politics," when Peter Lee saw his work clear before him on the Rural and County Councils.

And, at last, in 1919, when Labour swept the county and the workers were called on to govern for the first time in the history of our local administration, there was only one man whom they wished to lead them—Peter Lee. Some of Mr. Lawson's most significant chapters are devoted to the sequel and its success.

But in all these pages the man is shown clearly against the compelling background of his mission—Peter Lee spending his honeymoon at the coal-face ("I stand here as President of your great organisation," he told the miners years later, "because of the love of two women, my mother and my wife"), living so sparingly that, in accepting expenses for official duties, he felt he was "lowering his flag," laughing at the furious attacks on him in the papers.

Falling ill during the Gresford inquiry, he said, "I just want to get better in time for the next stage. I know where that explosion started, and I want to get into that pit." Not long afterwards he died—and his legend lives on.

If anything could stir listless social consciences, it is such a life story as this, told simply and straightforwardly, with no faked high lights and no pretensions. Well may Mr. Lawson write, "If historians knew as much about the deeds of the black armies which have tunneled the nation's regions to build this civilization of steel, Napoleon, crossing the Alps with his troops, would not seem quite so romantic." For, in the shade of the Peter Lees, the little corporal does not look romantic at all. R. P.

JAM and HONEY

TRINITY TOWN
By Norman Collins
(Gollancz, 8s. 6d.)

TRINITY was one of those quiet little towns where nothing seems to happen.

But things began to happen thick and fast when that newly appointed Mr. Broster, heard that a big firm of jam manufacturers proposed to build a factory there, and when Captain Charles Emmas and he was a one, a proper one returned to his unwelcome factory.

For Mr. Broster was out to buy properly cheap and sell it dear when the boom came, and Charles Emmas was inspired—ordinary reasoning does not suffice to explain his motives—to thwart his efforts.

It is an hilarious story of trickster meeting idiot, and the result verges on pandemonium. In the end, Jam

Factors did not come to Trinity. Mr. Broster was landed with a pile of useless options on unsaleable premises, Charles Emmas entered another period of exile and peace resumed its sway.

Meanwhile you have been introduced to a number of characters who are, if not convincingly lifelike, at least recognisable and genial caricatures of their various types—people who get into just the sort of predicament and muddle you would expect.

Trinity Town is in the English tradition, for its general attitude is a pride in its gullibility and an acceptance of jokes against ourselves rather as compliments. But Mr. Collins must have enjoyed writing this easy chronicle of provincialism, and you will enjoy reading it. Charles Emmas, drunkard, liar, muddle and humbug, really was a one. . . .

OF MORTAL LOVE
By William Gerhardt
(Arthur Barker, 8s. 6d.)

MR. GERHARDT is an elusive writer—and one whom it is dangerous to underestimate. Witness this long novel about a woman and the men who loved her after their fashions.

In some moods a righteous reader might all too easily throw the book down with an angry "What silly, ineffectual people! What a clever, clever scene! Why should I waste time on such nit-wits?"

A more sympathetic reader, on the other hand, would endure the more laboured passages for the author's sensitive staging of tragicomic situations and his quiet, almost experimental handling of a typical modern theme.

Righteous fury or sympathetic acceptance? It depends on you. R. P.

RURAL

A TRAVELLER AMONG THE FARMS.
By Freda Derrick
(Allen and Unwin, 6s.)

IF I were asked to sum up in one word the quality of this little book of one hundred and sixty-four pages, I should choose "fragrance."

It is fragrance of a forgotten England and Wales, a real countryside that still lingers in parts that have never encountered a main road, districts where windmills and water-mills may be found passing in silent dignity to their end with the little barns and the ancient cottages that county authorities would fain destroy but can never adequately replace.

A clergyman's daughter, the author travelled the byways on a bicycle with but little in her pocket, and, perhaps because she was ill provided with the world's goods, the village folk, who were no better off, opened their homes and hearts to her. Her story is simple, and its illustrations are her own—mills and barns, farms and market halls, cottages and blacksmiths' forges, the porch of an inn, a farm worker's kitchen, a bakehouse, all simple drawings enough, but touched with fine lines of appreciation and sympathy. Well done, Miss Derrick! E. L. BENSUSAN.

Fact SHORTS Fiction

MEMORIES OF JOHN GALS-WORTHY, by M. E. Reynolds (Robert Hale, 8s.). In which the greatest of the English writers recalls him in the days of his youth and the years of his prime. A life of "amazing sanity." With many interesting family photographs.

ANGELING YARNS, by E. Marshall-Hardy (Herbert Jenkins, 8s. 6d.). Of the Blithedale Ignorance of Two Fishermen, of a Keeper, a Potato and Some Carp, the Trout That Gave Itself Up and many other strange happenings. Not forgetting the Good Fish That Drowned and the Pike That Lived.

KENT, by Arthur Mee (Hodder and Stoughton, 10s. 6d.). Being another chapter in a new Domesday Book of ten thousand English villages and towns. From Allington to Yalding the county is painstakingly but attractively covered. With numerous illustrations.

WILD HARBOUR, by Ian Macpherson (Methuen, 7s. 6d.). When the first gusts blow in the north war Hugh and his wife hide in a cave in the Highlands. Food is scarce and bandits rove. A gripping story, frankly raising the question: Can we, and should we, attempt to stand outside the conflict?

TWO YEARS TO LIVE, by Alberto Albertini (Cassell, 8s. 6d.). A young Christian in Rome in the fourth century is convinced that his life has been saved by a miracle—but only for two years. This is the story of his revolt and his acceptance of this fate.

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SIR TRAVERS HUMPHREYS
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HERE are two books which will be pored over for hours by those who are interested in criminology—one about a great advocate and a great judge, the other about a figure who has become almost legendary as being concerned with the conviction of many of the murderers who have gone to the gallows in the last twenty years or more. No one who is told, has an experience of murder cases that even approaches Sir Bernard's. Mr. Randall puts the number of them into the hundreds and his post-mortem examinations into many thousands.

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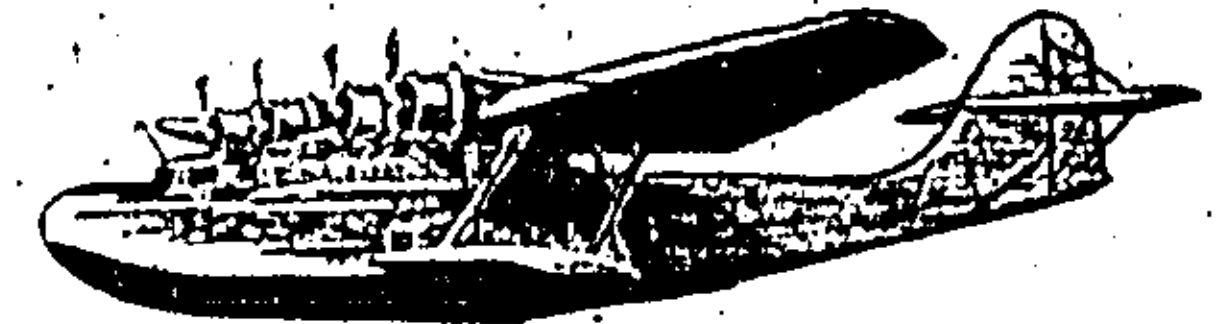
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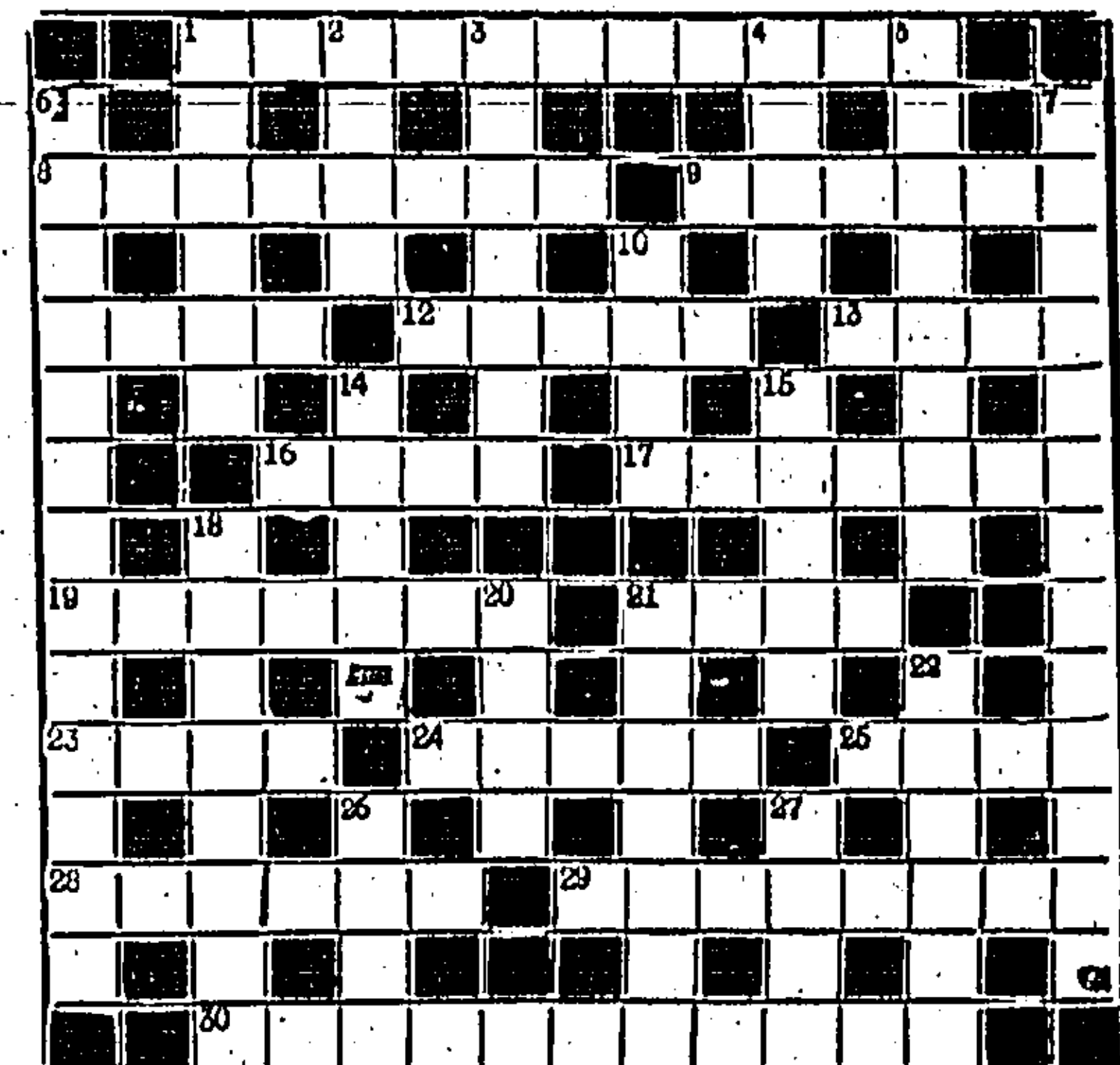
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- 8 Colour nothing that has been borrowed: it's scenery.
- 9 It is necessary to interfere here, and one is reminded of the reward of a brave action.
- 11 Why did I catch Umbrian scenes, rather than do pen and ink sketches? (hidden).
- 12 The French join the English in oblivion.
- 13 Stalk.
- 16 Although we suffer it in this country no one really enjoys it as Pierre does.
- 17 You'll see a Scotsman before long: very windy.
- 19 A rascal to drink, and, what's more, sticks it.
- 21 Hidden in Clue 11.
- 23 They wouldn't think much of her in India, I'm afraid.
- 24 Slave dance?
- 25 Winds up many a composition.
- 26 Limited, according to American ideas, in woman, for show.
- 29 Make users bid to make payments.
- 30 Just fancy! red rag being made into something to eat.

DOWN

- 1 Went round and round.
- 2 The bird takes a good number, thus giving you a heap to think about.
- 3 Flashed Jack in prison?
- 4 Not frosty.
- 5 Treason, with a very obvious issue.
- 6 Striped saaten (anag.)

- 7 Chemical salts that make a permanent gas.
- 10 Hidden in Clue 11.
- 14 Showing how a considerable number about middle age resemble he-men.
- 15 It isn't very suitable to sleep in it, is it?
- 18 A striking description of carriage horses by Ouida.
- 20 Here you see an English river in the air.
- 21 Part member from member without schism.
- 22 Shouted out before being decapitated, and even then rowed.
- 26 There's something in front of the vessel look closely.
- 27 A discarded fish, I fear.

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Girl Waits 2 Years For Convict

"NOW HE WILL MAKE GOOD"

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DORA MILES, aged 20, is speeding to Los Angeles, to-day with her sweetheart, ex-convict George Gilbert, for whom she has waited two years.

Dora, when only 18, fell in love with Gilbert in California where he had a good job. He did not tell her that he had escaped from Norfolk Prison, Massachusetts, where he had served six years for robbery, nor that he had a wife in Boston.

A detective recognised Gilbert's photograph in a magazine, and he was taken back to prison.

Dora got a job in a Boston night club and petitioned the State Parole Board to have mercy on the man she loved, because of his fine record before he went to prison.

When the prison gates swung open yesterday for Gilbert, the girl was waiting to embrace him, and with the money she had saved they took a train to Los Angeles, where Gilbert's old job is still open for him.

While he was in prison his wife got a divorce, but under the Massachusetts law he cannot remarry for two years.

But Dora says: "We have waited for more than two years while separated. Waiting together will be easy. George will make good and I shall be proud of him."

Has Ticket No. 1



First ticket to be sold to a passenger for a trans-Pacific flight in the commercial lines of the Pan American Airways went to R. F. Bradley, San Francisco manager of the aviation department of an oil concern. Departure of the first passenger carrying Clipper is scheduled for Oct. 21 from Alameda, Calif.

Nods Admissible As Evidence
Privy Council Ruling On Murder Appeal

Lord Roche recently stated the reasons of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council for dismissing, on November 12, the appeal of Alexander Perera Chandrasekera, alias Allendiri, from sentence of death by the Supreme Court at Ceylon for the murder of a woman named Salami Naditchi.

Lord Roche said the ground of appeal was that the woman, whose throat had been cut, was unable to speak when questioned, and, on the mention of the appellant's name as her assailant, was said to have nodded her head.

It was represented that this kind of testimony was not "oral," as required by the Evidence Ordinance, but a Court of Allahabad in 1885 had held that similar evidence was admissible.

Lord Roche said that, in the present case, it was as conclusive as though it had been given in the deaf and dumb alphabet, and those signs would have been admitted by any court. Other evidence was not merely consistent with the woman's statement, but pointed in the same direction.

The matter was for the jury to decide, and the Judge properly ruled on the evidence. It was a case in which, if the woman's statement was received and believed, as evidently it was by the jury to be clear and unmistakable, conviction was inevitable.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 23.	Dec. 28.
Paris.....	105.11/04	105.11/04
Geneva.....	21.38	21.37 1/2
Berlin.....	12.21	12.21
Athens.....	550	550
Milan.....	93 1/2	93 1/2
Copenhagen.....	22.40	22.40
Stockholm.....	10.20 1/2	10.20 1/2
Shanghai.....	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York.....	4.01 1/4	4.01 1/4
Amsterdam.....	8.07	8.03 1/4
Vienna.....	20 1/2	20 1/2
Prague.....	130 1/2	140 1/2
Madrid.....	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon.....	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/2 20/32	1/2 1/2
Bombay.....	1/6 5/32	1/6 5/32
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Brussels.....	20.10	20.12 1/2
Yokohama.....	1/2	1/2
Belgrade.....	213	213
Monte Video.....	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rio.....	4 1/2	4 1/2
Bucharest.....	670	670
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"And, finally, his voice is full of overtones. It is complex in its tonal qualities, and therefore rich."

ART EXHIBITION

Mr. Lau Kwan-yun, a promising local artist, is holding an exhibition of his works at the Hotel Cecil. Mr. Lau is an artist of no mean order and his exhibited works consist of oil paintings, water colours, pastels and pen-and-ink, besides a number of Chinese paintings and calligraphy. All counted, there are nearly 200 pieces on view. Among Mr. Lau's Chinese paintings are excellent representations of the line—the execution of which is considered so important in Chinese art. Expression is admirably done with mere black and white.

The "Prawns" (since bought by Dr. S. Y. Chung), "Crabs" (bought by Mr. Wu Mei Hao, another artist) and "Beggar Woman" (bought by Mr. Baker) are specially worthy of mention.

The exhibition closes to-day at 8 p.m. Works by other artists will also be shown. Part of the proceeds from the sale of pictures will be donated to the Sulyuan Relief fund.

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U.S. FIGHTING PLANES WILL GO TO SPAIN

Neutrality Act Cannot Prevent Shipments

STATE DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO PROHIBIT LICENSING

Washington, Dec. 28.

A licence for the first shipment of aeroplanes from the United States to Spain, for the Spanish Government, since the outbreak of the civil war, has been granted a firm of aircraft brokers. Its total value is approximately \$500,000.

While the Government has hitherto by the use of "moral suasion" prevented the filing of applications for licences to export arms, the State Department emphasises it has no authority under the Neutrality Act to refuse such licences.—*Reuter*.

WASHINGTON EXPLAINS

The State Department has issued its first licence to export arms and ammunition to Spain, authorising Robert Cuse, President of the Vimalert Company, Ltd., Jersey City, to ship \$2,777,000 worth of second-hand engines and aircraft to Bilbao, presumably for the use of loyalists.

It is explained that the issuance of the licence is mandatory, since the Neutrality Act provides that licences must be issued unless the law specifically forbids it. It is noteworthy that the law permits shipments of arms to any country engaged in civil war.

The State Department had received many inquiries prior to that of the Vimalert works. However, it always declined to issue such licences. In the present case, Mr. Cuse persisted and despite the State Department's representations has received two licences, one to export 18 planes, valued at \$720,000, the other to export 411 engines, plus replacements, valued at \$2,057,000.

Two months will be required to recondition the planes and engines. It is noteworthy, moreover, that possibly prior to their export, Congress may place an embargo on such sales and the State Department may revoke the licences.

Borah Opens Fire

Meanwhile, Senator "Bill" Borah, Middle West champion, has spoken: "I feel that American citizens should not be taking any part in the Spanish or any other European conflict likely to lead to trouble here. I favour forfeiting citizenship of those joining foreign forces in any European war."

At present, Senator Borah continued, he was studying the best legal methods for the disenfranchisement of such cases.

Senator Key Pittman, another of the senior Senators, concurred with Senator Borah, and said he might join the disenfranchisement movement. Senator Nye declared that enlistments abroad violated "the true spirit of neutrality."

It is the activity of several American fliers in Spain, Bert Acosta, Barry Schneider and Lord, all famous in their own country and in many other parts of the world as well, that has caused this unofficial interest in American participation in the Spanish civil war.—*United Press*.

Steamer Had Contraband

Bayonne, Dec. 28.
A spokesman for the Basque Government has issued a formal statement to the effect that the seized German steamer Palos, captured by Government patrol vessels in the Bay of Biscay on December 24, carried contraband war materials.

German Ire Cools

Berlin, Dec. 28.
Evidence that Germany is hoping to settle the Palos affair without a display of force was forthcoming from official circles to-day.

Empire Bound Closer By Radio Links

London, Dec. 28.
During the past year more than 30 broadcasts from the Empire Overseas including the change-over of Viceroy in India, and the meeting of the Governor-General of Canada and the President of the United States, were carried out by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

RUSSIA, FRANCE BLAMED FOR INTERVENTION IN SPAIN

Berlin, Dec. 28.
Franco-British representations regarding the maintenance of the non-intervention agreement in Spain were to-day characterized in an official commentary as diplomatic notes "delivered to the wrong address."

The German authorities maintain that they made the first far-reaching proposals regarding the prevention of foreign volunteers taking service in Spain, but the success of their efforts were sabotaged from the beginning by the attitude of the Soviet Union and leaders in France. The damage caused by this attitude can scarcely be repaired by belated diplomatic activity, the commentary adds.

GOVERNOR WATCHES SPECTACULAR BLAZE AT MONGKOK



The above picture, by a staff photographer, shows Governor engaged in watching the flames in the disastrous timberyard fire at Mongkok yesterday. Inset is H. E. the Governor, snapped at the fire, which he visited on returning from Fanning.

CHIANG'S POSITION STRONGER

AS RESULT OF SAD SIANFU EPISODE

NO FURTHER DANGER

Washington, Dec. 28.

The Washington Post, one of most respected newspapers in the Union, expresses the opinion that the Sianfu episode, in which the Generalissimo himself temporarily lost his freedom, has in reality strengthened—the position of China's so-called Dictator.

"Once more," says the Post, "he has made use of his enemies to increase his power."

"The facts that Chung Hsueh-liang, who led the coup, was unable to win the support of the other warlords and that the National Government displayed unsuspected strength are significant indications that China has made real progress towards unity."

—*United Press*.

NO DANGER NOW

Washington, Dec. 28.
Colonel Stillwell, United States military attaché at Peking, has advised the State Department that there is no apparent need to evacuate American nationals from Shensi.

He added that the release of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had ended all the trouble, it seemed.—*United Press*.

ANTI-JAPANESE UNION

London, Dec. 28.
The Daily Herald, in an editorial, to-day foresees a union of Red Armies in China and the troops led by Chiang Hsueh-liang to resist Japanese pressure in North China.

The elements which demand active resistance to Japan, it declares, are gaining. China is uniting against a tormentor. There is at least a chance that her effort will succeed. If it does, the whole Far Eastern problem will change kaleidoscopically.—*Reuter*.

Mrs. Simpson's Cousin Sues For Divorce

Reno, Dec. 28.
Mrs. Ernest "Wally" Simpson's cousin, Mrs. Lillian Hendrick von Matsch, has filed suit for divorce against Dr. Franz E. von Matsch, Austrian statesman and delegate to the World War peace conference, and now in Vienna, charging cruelty and non-support.—*United Press*.

NEWARK GOES BLIND

Newark, N.J., Dec. 28.
The failure of power caused the city to be temporarily blinded to-night and 1,200 policemen were immediately hurried into the streets on emergency duty.—*United Press*.

HOME FOOTBALL LONDON TEAMS WIN BRILLIANTLY

SUNDERLAND'S REVENGE

London, Dec. 28

Brilliant away victories were scored to-day by Arsenal, Tottenham and Charlton, leaders in the first division of the English Football League, while Sunderland, who also figure at the top of the table, had their revenge on Birmingham by winning at home 4-0.

The complete results in all four leagues, as enabled by *Reuter*, follow.

FIRST DIVISION

Bolton	0	Manchester U.	4
Chelsea	1	Stoke City	0
Derby	3	Everton	1
Huddersfield	4	Wolves	0
Liverpool	1	West	2
Manchester C.	1	Birmingham	2
Middlesbrough	4	Leeds	2
Portsmouth	0	Charlton	2
Preston	0	Arsenal	3
Sheffield W.	0	Brentford	2
Sunderland	4	Birmingham	0

SECOND DIVISION

Aston Villa	6	Chesham	2
Barnley	1	Leicester	2
Blackpool	3	Fulham	1
Bradford C.	2	Notts F.	1
Bury	2	Sheffield U.	0
Doncaster	2	Burnley	0
Norwich	1	Newcastle	5
Southampton	1	Coventry	1
Swansea	0	Flynn	1
Tottenham	5	Blackburn	1
West-Ham	1	Bradford	1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	1	Southend	0
Aldershot	1	Millwall	0
Bristol Rovers	0	Gillingham	2
Cardiff City	0	Torquay	2
Clapton Orient	2	Walsall	2
Crystal Palace	1	Bristol City	0
Exeter	0	Queens P.	3
Newport	1	Northampton	3
Notts County	2	Luton	1
Swindon	1	Reading	2
Watford	1	Brighton	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Crewe	2	Mansfield	1
Darlington	0	Colehead	2
Hull City	1	Chester	1
Hartlepool	1	York	0
Oldham	2	Carlisle	1
Port Vale	1	Accrington	1
Rotherham	3	Lincoln	1
Stockport	3	New Brighton	1

The matches between Wrexham and Hull City, Tranmere and Rochdale and Southport and Barrow, were not played.

BRITISH-ITALIAN PACT NEAR

London, Dec. 28.

The signature of the Italo-British Mediterranean Agreement is expected before the end of the year.

It is believed that its terms affirm the peaceful intentions of both and that each agrees to recognise the present status of the other.—*United Press*.

Russia And Japan Sign New Treaty

Moscow, Dec. 28.

A protocol establishing a temporary basis for continuation of the Russo-Japanese fisheries treaty has been signed here by representatives of the two Governments. It is for the period of 1937 only.

It was recently reported that Russia would refuse to renew the recently announced German-Japanese anti-Communist treaty.—*Reuter*.

DURBAR BOYCOTT PLANNED

BUT INDIANS BEAR NO ILL-WILL

DISCOURTESY NOT MEANT

Faizpur, Dec. 28.

The National Congress, 30,000 of whose members are gathered here, including Mahatma Gandhi, to-day passed a resolution rejecting the new Government of India Act of 1935.

The resolution reiterates the demand of the Congress for a constituent assembly, elected by adult suffrage for the purpose of drafting a new Constitution.

The question of the acceptance of office by Congressmen will be decided after the provincial elections.

A resolution declaring that Congressmen cannot participate in celebrations that might be held in India in connection with the coronation of His Majesty King George VI, was also passed, though it was made clear that the resolution was in no way intended to express ill-will or discourtesy to the King's person.—*Reuter*.

THE ROYAL FAMILY

London, Dec. 28.
At Sandringham, Queen Mary is slowly recovering from the cold which kept her indoors throughout Christmas. The King spent the day with a shooting party including the Duke of Gloucester and the Earl of Athlone. The Queen and Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose joined the party for a picnic lunch.—*British Wireless*.

POPE'S CONDITION PAINFUL

Vatican City, Dec. 28.
The condition of His Holiness the Pope is unchanged and he is still suffering from intermittent pains in the legs, due to the fact that the varicose ulcers are not responding to treatment.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

Plane Wreck Found, But No Sign Of Life

AIRMEN LOCATE BIG LINER'S DEBRIS

FEAR 12 DEAD IN SMASH

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.

Aerial searches to-day located the wreckage of a big multiple-engine airliner, which is believed to have carried 12 persons to their deaths.

The wreck lay on a mountainside near Sagus, 35 miles north of Los Angeles, the fuselage wedged into the rocky ridge and the wing some distance away.

There was no sign of life. It is believed all 12 occupants are dead.

A ground searching party, directed by planes, motored by rough mountain roads to a point two miles distant from the wreckage, and are struggling the remainder of the way afoot through brush, timber and rock-fall, having left ambulances and hearses on the road.

The plane has not yet been positively identified.—*United Press*.

POLISH TRAGEDY

Warsaw, Dec. 28.
An accumulation of ice on the wings of the machine, was responsible for the crash of a Polish airliner between Lwow and Warsaw to-day in which four were killed and three seriously injured of the ten passengers and crew aboard.—*Reuter Special*.

ALL ARE DEAD

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.
A sheriff's search party has reported that it has reached the wreck of the plane, north of here, and has found 12 bodies in the wreckage, nine passengers and a crew of three. It will be impossible to remove the bodies until Tuesday.—*United Press*.

Well-Known H. K. Business Man Dies

30 YEARS RESIDENT IN COLONY

A large circle of friends will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. William McKenzie Pittendrigh, principal of the firm of Pittendrigh and Wilson, importers and exporters, which occurred at the War Memorial Hospital at four o'clock this morning. He succumbed to pneumonia after an illness which lasted only a week.

The late Mr. Pittendrigh, who was 55 years of age, had resided in the Colony for a period of 30 years. He was extremely well-known and very popular amongst his friends. He first came to Hongkong to join the legal firm of Deacon, Looker and Deacon, and later joined the German import and export firm of Arndt and Co. Subsequently he served in France in the Great War with the Northumberland Fusiliers, being badly wounded.

When the war was over, Mr. Pittendrigh returned to Hongkong and started the firm of Pittendrigh and Wilson, with which he had ever since been associated as head. Deceased leaves a wife and five children, who are at home, and with whom much sympathy will be felt. The funeral takes place this evening, passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

BIRCHING AND FLOGGING

HOME COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE

London, Dec. 28.
In conformity with the announcement made by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons before the Christmas adjournment, it is understood that a Committee will shortly be appointed to enquire into birching and flogging.

The value of punishments as a deterrent will be investigated and the objections to flogging on psychological grounds will be considered. The type of offences for which flogging is a suitable punishment will also be reviewed.—*British Wireless*.

CORONATION PLANS

London, Dec. 28.
The Office of Works will take possession of Westminster Abbey next week with a view to preparing for the Coronation ceremony in May. The Abbey will be re-opened to public in August.—*British Wireless*.

BRITAIN, CANADA FALL OUT

OVER TRADE PACT WITH AMERICA

U.K. DEMANDS PREFERENCE

Ottawa, Dec. 28.

The year-old Canadian-American reciprocal trade agreement threatens to disrupt the Dominion's negotiations with the United Kingdom for revision of the Ottawa agreements.

Great Britain is asking for "a guarantee margin" of preferential treatment, as against the United States, since Britain gives Canada such preference over American products of great variety. Britain wants this margin corrected in the revised agreement with Canada. The fact is that the United Kingdom construes Canada's pact with the United States as impairing the value of British preference under the Ottawa Treaty.

Canada, however, is reluctant to give Britain the desired "guarantee margin" of preference, since the Liberal Government, under Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, hopes to win the scope of the agreement with the United States in order to increase the reciprocal trade between the two neighbour nations.—*United Press*.

SERIOUS LABOUR DISPUTE

FRENCH WORKERS MAKE DEMANDS

MAY IMPEDE NAVAL PLAN

Paris, Dec. 28.

Another set-back threatens France's naval programme, in the shape of a serious labour conflict in shipyards involving over 12,000 men.

A meeting has been called for to-night and it is expected the men will denounce the recently achieved labour contract with employers, owing to an alleged rise in the cost of living. They will probably demand a 15 per cent. increase in wages.

A dispute has also arisen in the famous Penhoit Yard, where the one-time Queen of the Atlantic, the Normandie, was built. In view of the recent introduction, on labour's demand, of a 40-hour week here, employers declined to give extra holidays at Christmas and New Year.—*Reuter*.

Germany Goes Slowly

PRESERVES TRADE PACT WITH REDS

Berlin, Dec. 28.

The trade and financial agreement between Germany and the Soviet has been prolonged for another year.

Meanwhile, an increase in the number of Labour Service men by 50 per cent, during the coming two years was announced by Labour Service Leader Hiel to-day. He declared that Herr Adolf Hitler's four-year plan had contradicted them with a great and beautiful task.

Herr Hiel also forecast the doubling of the number of girls in the Labour Service.—*Reuter Special*.

BUSY CHRISTMAS AT HOME

RECORD POST OFFICE ACTIVITY

London, Dec. 28.

Christmas traffic both through the Post Office and on the railways exceeded even the expectations of officials, who were prepared for large increases on last year's figures, in view of the many signs of greater prosperity.

In two days, the Post Office delivered 200,000,000 letters, while deliveries of parcels on Christmas Day were seventy-five per cent. greater than last year.—*British Wireless*.

Page For Women

KNIT THIS Viennese Pullover IN BROWN AND WHITE

VIENNESE designers have a reputation for producing chic jumpers and woollies. So the Home Page Editor has arranged for readers to have the exclusive instructions for knitting the pretty Viennese pullover illustrated here.

The model looks very smart knitted in brown and white, but you could of course choose other colours to suit your pet colour scheme. It's in a cunningly ribbed design, quite simple to work. Twenty rows make a pattern.

Start with the back.

BACK

USING brown wool, cast on 72 sts. and work 28 rows in k. 2, p. 2, rib for welt, dec. at end of last row (71 sts. now on needles).

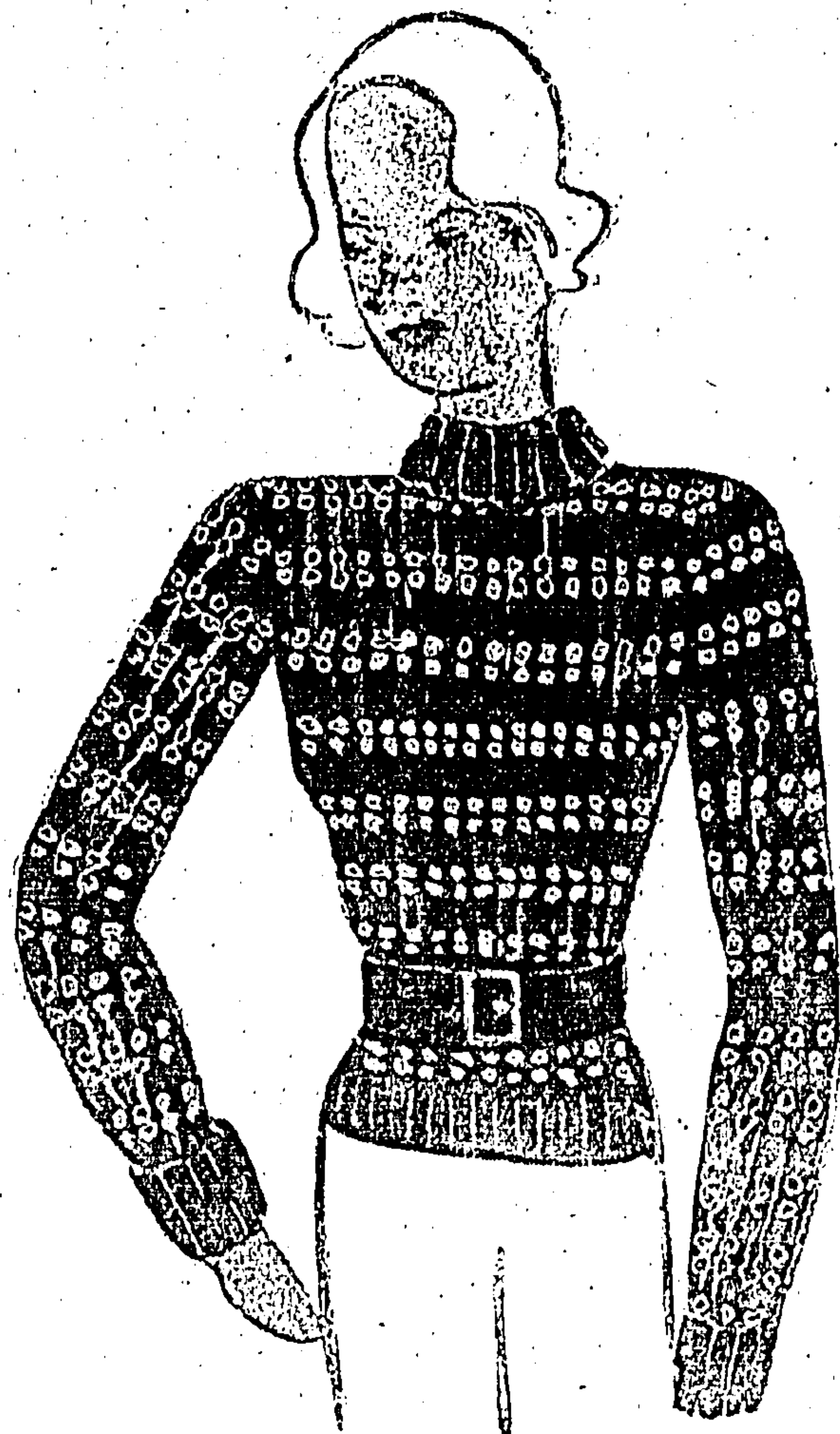
Row 1.—Using brown wool, p. 3.

MENU

Thick Vegetable Soup
Roast Rabbit
Steamed Chocolate Pudding

CUT up any sorts of raw vegetables you have, potatoes, carrots, a little celery, turnip, one or two young cabbage leaves, onions or shallots, and stew them for a few minutes in a little butter. Add water, salt, bring to the boil and boil until the vegetables are done. Rub through a coarse sieve, correct the seasoning, and serve.

Have the rabbit trussed for roasting, rub it all over with a little made mustard, bind it round and round with rashers of fat bacon, and bake it in the oven like a chicken, allowing about an hour.



* w.r.n., s. the next st., p. 3, rep. from * to end.

Row 2.—K. 3, * w.r.n., s. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie behind the s. st., k. 3, rep. from * to end.

Row 3.—P. 3, * w.r.n., s. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie in front of the s. st., p. 3, rep. from * to end.

Row 4.—As Row 2.

Row 5.—P. 3, * s. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie in front of s. st. Now you will see 4 horizontal bars lying in front of s. st., take the right-hand needle p. ways under the 4 bars and work a p. st., out of the 4 bars and the s. st., p. 3, rep. from * to end.

(Check the number of sts.; there should be 71, as at beginning.)

Row 6.—K. 3, * w.r.n., s. the next st., k. 3, rep. from * to end.

Row 7.—P. 3, * w.r.n., s. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie in front of s. st., p. 3, rep. from * to end.

Row 8.—K. 3, * w.r.n., s. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie behind the s. st., k. 3, rep. from * to end.

Row 9.—As Row 7.

Row 10.—K. 3, * s. the s. st., let the made st. in previous row fall off left-hand needle and lie behind the s. st. Now you will see 4 horizontal bars lying behind the s. st., take the right-hand needle k. ways under the 4 bars and work a k. st., out of the 4 bars and the s. st., k. 3, rep. from * to end.

(Check the sts. again, there should be 71 as before.)

Row 11.—Change to white wool, p. 1, cont. from * in Row 1, p. 1, 6 white stripes have been worked, ending after the 20th row.

Row 12.—K. 1, cont. from * in Row 2, k. 1 at end.

Row 13.—P. 1, cont. from * in Row 3, p. 1 at end.

Row 14.—As Row 12.

Row 15.—Change to brown wool, p. 1, cont. from * in Row 5, p. 1 at end.

Row 16.—Change to white wool, k. 1, cont. from * in Row 6, k. 1 at end.

Row 17.—P. 1, cont. from * in Row 7, p. 1 at end.

Row 18.—K. 1, cont. from * in 10 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2, rep. from * to end.

Row 19.—As Row 17.

Row 20.—Change to brown wool, k. 1, cont. from * in Row 10, k. 1 at end.

These 20 rows form the ptn., the colours having been worked in the following orders, 10 brown, 4 white, 1 brown, 4 white, 1 brown.

Rep these 20 rows 9 times, then shape shoulders by casting 21 sts. at both ends of next row leaving remaining sts. on st. holder for neck.

FRONT

CAST on 100 sts. and work 28 rows in k. 2, p. 2, rib for welt, dec. 1 st. at end of last row. Proceed in ptn. as for back, working over 99 instead of 71 sts. until 6 white stripes have been worked, ending after the 20th row.

Work Rows 1 to 5, then cont. thus.

ARMHOLES

FIRST cast off 10 sts.; then cont. as Row 6 to end.

Next Row.—Cast off 10 sts., cont. as Row 7 to end.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 8 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next row.—Work as Row 9, dec. at each end of needle.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 10 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next row.—Work as Row 11, dec. at each end of needle.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 12 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next row.—Work as Row 13, dec. at each end of needle.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 14 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next row.—Work as Row 15, dec. at each end of needle.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 16 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next row.—Work as Row 17, dec. at each end of needle.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 18 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next row.—Work as Row 19, dec. at each end of needle.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 20 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next row.—Work as Row 21, dec. at each end of needle.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 22 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next row.—Work as Row 23, dec. at each end of needle.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 24 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Next row.—Work as Row 25, dec. at each end of needle.

Next Row.—K. 2 tog., cont. as Row 26 to within 2 sts. at end of row, k. 2 tog.

Note to Knitters YOU WILL NEED

Four ounces of 3-ply "Ramada" in brown, 3oz. of the same wool in white, a pair of No. 11 needles and a set of No. 11 sock needles.

MEASUREMENTS

Length, 19 ins., width round pullover measured under arms, 34 ins.; sleeve seam, 19 ins.

TENSION

Eight sts. in width and 14 rows in depth to 1 in. of knitting.

ABBREVIATIONS

K., knit; p., purl; st., stitch; w.r.n., wool round needle making a st.; s., slip; ptn., pattern; cont., continue; rep., repeat; beg., beginning; dec., decrease or decreasing; inc., increase or increasing.

NOTE

Sts. should be worked p.ways on wrong side of work and k.ways on right.

sts. until both armholes are equal in depth.

Shape shoulder as before by casting off 7 sts. 3 times.

SLEEVES

(both worked alike)

BEG. at lower edge and using brown wool cast on 48 sts. and work 4 ins. in k. 2, p. 2, rib.

K. 1 row inc. 2 sts. at one end of needle, and one at the other end.

Cont. in ptn. as for body, inc. at each end of needle in every 11th row (i.e., when beg. a white stripe), until 9 ptns. have been worked above cuff, ending after the 20th row.

TOP OF SLEEVE

CAST off 5 sts. at beg. of the next 2 rows, then dec. at beg. of every row until 2 white stripes have been worked from beg. of armhole, shaping ending after the 19th row of ptn.

Work 7 more rows, dec. at both ends of each, cast off remaining sts.

COLLAR

JOIN the shoulders. Beg. at left shoulder, pick up and work 42 sts. down side of neck, ending at centre front.

Using the 2nd needle pick up and k. 41 sts. from centre front to right shoulder.

Using the 3rd needle k. the 29 sts. from st. holder at back of neck (112 sts. on 3 needles).

Work 34 rounds in k. 2, p. 2, rib, then still working in ptn. cast off all sts. loosely.

MAKING UP

SEW sleeves into armholes and press pullover lightly iron over a damp cloth.

Do not press, or stretch the ribbed parts.

Join side and sleeves seams.

Allow this to soak into the face while you rub the remainder of the oil round the base of your nails. This is good for softening the cuticles and for preventing the nails from breaking.

Leave a little on the fingers to soak in while you remove the oil from your face with a soft cloth or paper tissues.

You will notice, as you do this, how much softer the skin feels. All the tight, stretched feeling caused by the wind will have completely disappeared.

When all the oil has been wiped off, it is most important to close the pores.

Soak four large pads of cotton-wool in water as cold as you can get it, wring them out, then saturate with tonic. Place one pad on each cheek, and another on the forehead, and another under the chin.

Fix these in place with a piece of gauze or strip of material passed round the face, and tied tightly on top of the head.

In order to make the treatment really effective, and to brace the skin, now take your piece of ice, and rub it briskly on top of the pads of cotton-wool, over the cheeks, forehead, and under the chin.

Not Too Drastic

While ice used directly on the skin is apt to be too much of a shock, this way of rubbing it on top of the wool is excellent.

Incidentally, it is a good way of preventing a double chin.

Continue with the rubbing until the skin feels really cold. Then take off the pads, apply some foundation cream, and make-up as usual.

If you would care to have any further advice with regard to your individual skin, please write to me, as usual.

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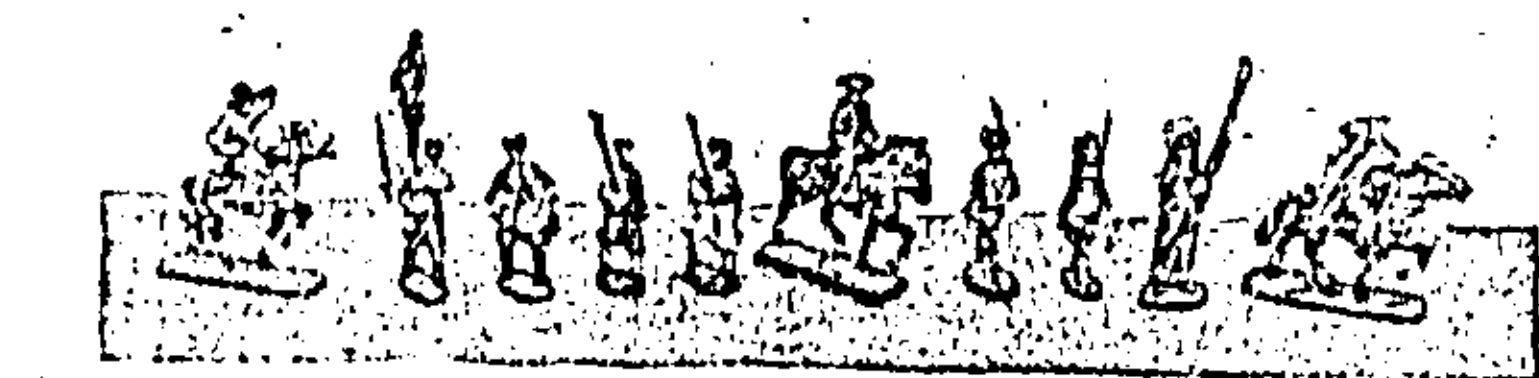
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THIS WEEK

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How to LOOK LOVELY in a COLD SNAP by Jean Cleland

A SUDDEN cold snap has a devastating effect on one's good looks. Face, hands, and even hair seem to acquire a dry, starved appearance which is not only unbecoming but definitely harmful if left unattended.

Once a week at least it is advisable in such weather to give oneself a thorough nourishing treatment.

It need not take very long, and the difference it makes to the appearance and in keeping the skin supple and young is enormous.

For simple home use almond oil is one of the very best things you can have. It is equally good for the scalp, the face, and the finger-nails, and all can be done at one and the same time.

To give yourself a really effective treatment you need a small bottle of the oil and a lump of ice.

Stand a cup that is half-filled with oil in a basin of hot water. Let it remain until it is nicely hot, then start with the hair.

Make small partings all over the head and rub the oil well in, either with the tips of the fingers or with a small pad of cotton-wool.

When the whole scalp has been done place the fingers underneath the hair at the back of the head, right at the base, and massage vigorously up towards the crown, moving the scalp as you do so.

I can stress too often the necessity for seeing that you actually make the scalp move when you massage, for this is what promotes the circulation.

Be careful not to use too much oil—just a spot on the fingers is enough

—otherwise you will make your hair too greasy.

In any case, it is as well to do the treatment the night before shampooing, so that the oil can soak in during the night and then be washed out the next day.

For Facial Beauty

After the scalp, the face. First soak a pad of cotton-wool in the oil, and use it as a cleanser, wiping it all over the face until all make-up is removed.

Now wring a large cloth or towel out in hot water and place it over the skin. As it cools wring it out again and replace it.

Do this once or twice until the skin is warm and pliant; then, before it has time to cool, massage in a plentiful supply of the oil.

Use an upward movement, from the chin to the cheeks, and out towards the ears, and pat it well in round the eyes.

Sometimes during the cold weather the eyes get a puffy and wrinkled look underneath. In this case, it is better to use a little muscle oil round this particular area.

While the oil in this smooths away the wrinkles, it also possesses astringent qualities which tighten up the puffiness.

£1,000,000 SWINDLE ON SPANIARDS. SUIT FASHIONS

Shipload Of Arms Diverted To General Franco

£400,000 PAID FOR A CARGO OF SCRAP-IRON

Tricksters Raid Madrid Gold

EUROPEAN tricksters have been reaping a rich harvest from the Spanish Red Government.

The London *Sunday Dispatch* recently revealed how a £1,000,000 cargo of Government arms was diverted to General Franco, and how another £400,000 consignment of "arms" turned out to be scrap-iron packed in boxes.

WHEN General Franco began his campaign there was only a limited quantity of arms in Spain. Gold had to be shipped to Paris to form credits for the purchase of arms.

The man entrusted with the disposal of from £10,000,000 to £15,000,000 was Otero, a Spanish doctor, fanatically socialist, fanatically honest, but inexperienced in the ways of the shadier side of the arms business.

With him were appointed unknown, fourth-rate military officers, also without technical knowledge, and a few Party men—middle-class people who had spent in shillings and pounds, and were now to spend in hundreds of thousands.

DOUBLE-CROSSING

It was considered advisable to assemble stocks in the free port of Danzig, whence they could be transferred indirectly to Spain. In the middle of September it was decided to send a huge shipment of nearly 2,000 tons of small arms and ammunition in a Greek steamer.

The cost of this cargo to the Spanish Government, in payment for the goods, freight, Mexican

import licences, and largesse of every kind for intermediaries, exceeded £1,000,000, which was about 100 per cent. above normal value.

On October 2 the ship left Danzig, ostensibly for Vera Cruz, in Mexico, actually for Alicante.

But here is the amazing part of the story. Someone had given a hint to Franco.

Three weeks before, Franco's intelligence system, mainly composed of highly educated and trustworthy men of the old regime, acting on the hint, had found out the nature of the cargo and its Spanish destination.

The ship was promptly seized by one of Franco's cruisers which lay in wait for her, and taken to Franco's Moroccan port, Ceuta.

So the Government had paid over £1,000,000 to provide the patriots with a big cargo of arms and munitions.

AEROPLANE TRICK

Before the imposition of the embargo the Government had been badly stung.

It bought 27 railway-wagon loads of material in Hamburg and Ant-

werp, which left for Spain via France.

On arrival over the Spanish frontier, the wagons were found to be filled with miscellaneous scrap iron carefully packed in boxes resembling those the buyers had seen when they purchased the arms.

The value of this consignment exceeded £400,000—and the sellers, of course, just vanished with the money!

Aeroplanes were a vital necessity, so the Government's emissaries, having unlimited money to spend, bought up everything available.

£150 A TRIP

Aeroplanes bought in countries not too distant from Spain were flown there, the volunteer pilots being paid a flat rate of £100 to £150, plus their return expenses, for each trip.

The embargo, however, did not prevent several "bright lads" from going merrily on with profitable sales to Spain—with the difference, that, after receiving the price of the machine in hard cash, plus a fee of £150 for flying it to Spain, they took off in the required direction, vanishing from sight, and landed at quiet spots in their own countries, knowing full well that the purchasers had no redress!

About £150,000 of Spanish Government money was dissipated in this way.

Plausible, well-dressed individuals ingratiated themselves with the Spanish Government agents by promising to produce all sorts of stocks of war materials.

As time went by, and the goods were not forthcoming, the excuse was put forward that the owners had become aware of the overwhelming demand and were holding out on a rising market for higher prices.

Eventually, when the game was getting too hot for them, the crooks left for unknown destinations with their bags full of "preliminary expenses."

One Spanish agent parted with £12,000 to purchase a mythical "option."

Another, after a well-conducted, too well-conducted, tour of a Government arsenal in a small Baltic country, parted with £25,000 to his comparatively unknown conductor as ten per cent. payment on the goods he had inspected.

He is still seeking the whereabouts of the amiable guide and confidence trickster. In spite of all these lessons and difficulties, huge sums of money are still in the possession of the Spanish authorities in Paris, besides the two million or so pounds "subscribed" by Soviet Russia.



This motorised fire-extinguishing apparatus was successfully demonstrated at Bourget Airport recently. In less than one minute the fire from a petrol tank in an airplane was extinguished.

JEALOUS PRINCESS SHOOTS HUSBAND

Mexico City, Dec. 18. PRINCE VLADIMIR NIGER-ATZE, handsome, wealthy Georgian, was killed in a fashionable street here to-day when his 30-year-old New York-born Italian wife fired five shots at him from a revolver.

The prince was leaving the home of the Finnish vice-consul, Leo Granroos, of whose wife, Russian pianist Zena Prochorova, the princess was jealous.

GAVE ALL HER MONEY

The princess, a small attractive brunette, was prevented by passers-by from shooting herself. She told the police the prince had treated her badly after she gave him all her money to form a soap factory.

She is now hysterical and means for her son and daughter whom, it is alleged, she deserted when she divorced her first husband, a Mexican general.

The general obtained custody of the children and settled a mansion and several thousand dollars on her. After a whirlwind courtship she married the prince, former White Russian leader. She was an accomplished musician and dancer, and a popular hostess.

Last night they entertained a party of prominent people.

LAWSUIT OVER PORK CHOP

A pork chop led to a King's Bench Division action recently when Mr. Eugene Aron, of Hutton Bridge, King's Langley, Herts., alleged that he was ill following a lunch in October, 1935, at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall.

He claimed damages against Automobile Proprietary Ltd., owners of the club. Mr. Roland Oliver, K.C., said that Mr. Aron ate oysters, a pork chop and milk pudding at the lunch. That night he had his evening meal with his family. This consisted of chicken, and none of the others suffered any ill-effects.

Mr. Aron, however, woke up in the night violently ill and he did not fully recover until the end of the year.

There was no question about the trouble being caused by oysters. Dr. F. J. Aldridge, of Watford, who was called in to attend to Mr. Aron, said he made a test and detected the presence of bacillus gastricus, a very virulent bacillus. Pork was one of the most likely foodstuffs to be contaminated by it.

Under cross-examination, the doctor said that Mr. Aron suffered from gastro-enteritis, which he thought to be due to food-poisoning, though gastro-enteritis might be produced by other causes.

The hearing was adjourned.

Luck Still Holds

THIRTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD Armand Spillers, King of the Paris Underworld, who escaped twice from Devil's Island and three times from French prisons, was, by a stroke of luck, given a new chance to-day.

The second day of his trial for murder at the Pau Assizes discovered that the foreman of the jury, M. Pierre D'Iriart, was unqualified to act as a jurymen.

The judge declared a mistrial, adjourned the case until the next assizes.

Spillers sat dazed as he heard the judge's decision. For two days, under a barrage of questions from the judge, he has remained obstinately silent, loyal to the right "code of honour" of the French underworld, even though it might cost him his head.

With tears in his eyes the man who has braved Venezuelan swamps in his dash for liberty, refused to betray the members of his gang.

Said he, "I cannot tell you. I have sworn on the heads of my wife and little girl not to do so." He added, with a break in his voice, "I did not come back to France to steal, but to embrace my wife and daughter before going away to start life afresh."

Outside, the court the crowd booed and whistled when they learned of the decision to postpone the trial.

White troops and special police guarded the building. Spillers, chained and manacled, was hurried by six armed warders into a prison van, taken to Pau Prison.

There, in a small cell, the man who has given the French police more worry than any other criminal in recent years will be watched day and night.

The authorities are taking every precaution that Spillers' friends shall not help him to add another escape to his long list before the next assizes open.

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GAOL "HOUDINI" IS TRIED—IN CHAINS

Pau, Dec. 20.

ARMAND SPILLERS, 35-year-old convict "escape king," who has broken out of prison five times in ten years, had his feet chained so heavily to-day that he could hardly walk to the court where he is facing a charge of murdering a policeman.

He was handcuffed, too.

He said to his anxious guards: "I give you my word that I will not escape—until the sentence is passed."

The judge outlined his record: Escaped from Loos (Belgium) Prison in 1925; sent to 15 years' penal servitude in Guiana in 1926; escaped 1929, but was caught in the forest; broke clear a year later and reached Venezuela.

Spillers took up the story—worked two years in Venezuela; saved money; returned to France and lived under a false name with his wife and daughter.

DOG BETRAYED HIM

Bought a small cat in Paris; prospered, then sold out and retired to a small house.

Last January a man kicked his dog. Spillers drew a revolver. He was arrested; identified and sent to the Sainte Prison.

He escaped two months later by sawing the iron bars of his cell window.

Recently police were called to a burgled jewel shop at St. Jean de Luz.

As a policeman entered he was shot dead. The burglar escaped. Spillers was arrested a few hours later and charged with the crime.

THE EMPTY CELL

He was taken to Bayonne Prison. One morning the warders found his cell empty. He was recaptured a few days later.

To-day Spillers denied shooting at the policeman. He remains in chains.

"Giving The Child A Name"

A CAUSE OF UNHAPPY MARRIAGES

The importance of conciliation in matrimonial cases to prevent them from reaching the Courts was emphasised by Mr. Claud Mullins, the South-Western (London) Police Court Magistrate, in an address to the Liverpool Personal Service Society recently.

Quoting seven months' figures from his own Court, he said that out of 220 summonses issued only 89 couples were separated. The majority agreed mutually to separate.

Many women did not consider the question of how they were going to live. "After obtaining a separation," Mr. Mullins added, "a lot of women think that if they get a Court order it is as good as an order on the Bank of England."

Mr. Mullins said that at least half the cases in his Court concerned marriages prompted by pregnancy. There prevailed an awful idea that persons must get married to give the child a name. Very often that meant appalling consequences. Men said to him, "I had to get married to give the child a name," and he often had to ask, "Is the child going to be proud of your name, seeing how you behave?"

War Taught in Schools

BERLIN EXHIBITION FOR CHILDREN Games Played With Bombs And Shells

By A Correspondent

Berlin, Dec. 18.

Berlin schoolteachers and children are going in large numbers to see an exhibition, organised by the National Socialist Teachers' League, the object of which is to show how interest in Germany's preparations for war, and the military spirit can be stimulated in the schools.

The exhibition has been given the name "National community—defensive community."

Painted in large letters on the wall run the following words of Herr Baldur von Schirach, the Reich Youth Leader: "No child, schoolboy or schoolgirl, may leave school without the desire to be in life and death a mortal enemy of Jewish Bolshevism." The objects on view show how the military spirit can be fostered among schoolchildren in work and play.

The walls are covered with water colour and pencil sketches of troops, guns, tanks, battleships, and aeroplanes in action—the majority executed by Children of 12. One such juvenile sketch has the footnote: "What are we now? Hitler Lads. What do we want to be? Soldiers."

ART OF CAMOUFLAGE

A corner of the exhibition is devoted to a series of illustrations suggesting how teachers can lead from the concentration on camouflage in the animal world to the contemplation of camouflage in modern warfare. Among the maps drawn by children and considered exemplary is one of Europe in which German and Polish soldiers are looking over their frontiers towards Russia.

There are several bound volumes of essays on various military subjects written by children in schools.

A section of the exhibition is devoted to games that are likely to rouse the players to take an interest in military matters. I noticed jigsaw puzzles which when placed together reveal the battlefields of the last war complete with trenches and dugouts, and also some new kind of game which is played on a chessboard with miniature shells and bombs, and is claimed by the makers to introduce children to military tactics.

Several persons present, presumably school teachers, were industriously taking notes.

SOUTHAMPTON WATER WILL BE CROYDON OF THE SEA

Base For Empire All-Mails-By-Air Scheme

London, Dec. 21.

SOUTHAMPTON WATER is to be the Croydon of the sea. This was announced by Imperial Airways, who stated that the new base from which next year 28 flying boats will operate the Empire all-mails-by-air scheme will be established temporarily at Hythe, about two miles from Southampton.

Negotiations for a base at Langstone Harbour, Portsmouth, are not yet complete.

A large flying-boat hangar with slipways already exists on the site of the new base and can be brought into use almost immediately.

The Tythe base is expected to be in use for passenger traffic by the spring.

James Cagney Leaving Hollywood: "Blacklisted"

Hollywood, Dec. 15.

James Cagney, the film actor, announced to-day that he was leaving Hollywood to live on a farm in Massachusetts.

"I may not return," he said. "Since he won an action over a contract with Warner Brothers, he declares that all film companies are blacklisting him."

"There is a solid front against me in Hollywood," Cagney says "but fortunately I don't have to worry financially, and I refuse to be concerned over other phases of the situation."—*Reuter*.

Melbourne to Plant Coronation Trees

Melbourne, Dec. 20.

To commemorate the coronation of King George VI next year, the city is planning a tree planting campaign for next spring.

If present plans are carried out, 200 of the principal streets of the city will be lined on both sides with trees.—*United Press*.

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CINEMA NOTES

Thrilling drama in the early days of the West gives rugged vitality to the exciting Buck Jones picture, "For The Service," a Universal feature, which opens to-day at the Alhambra Theatre. Noted for his swiftly moving exploits against the colourful background of the West, the star reaches a new high in entertainment in this story of the grim, courageous scouts who gave their lives that the United States might extend from coast to coast. Savage Indians and cruel white men are confronted in Jones' relentless fight to save his captain's son, and serve his government. Dramatic incidents in army tradition provide the highlights of the story. Clifford Jones, Beth Marion, Frank McGlynn, Sr., Edward Keene and Fred Kohler are in the supporting cast. The picture was directed and produced by Buck Jones from an original story by Isador Bernstein.

"Valiant Is the Word For Carrie" A new film personality of exceptional dramatic and emotional ability introduced at the Queen's Theatre to-day, when the motion picture version of Barry Benefield's best-selling novel, "Valiant Is the Word For Carrie," has its run to-day, at the above theatre. The newcomer is Gladys George, famed stage actress whose portrayal of the woman of shady repute who is resurrected and ennobled by two little children she adopted, is one of the finest things ever captured by the camera and is certain to become one of the most widely discussed films seen on the screen. Others in the cast are Harry Carey, Dudley Digges, William Collier, Sr., and the two charming youngsters Jackie Moran and Charlene Wyatt.

"Our Relations"

Laurel and Hardy are seen in a most amusing full-length picture, "Our Relations," at the Kings Theatre. The film is based on a W. W. Jacobs' story and is crammed full of funny incidents. There is a splendid supporting cast. Don't miss this happy feast of fun and merriment.

"If You Could Only Cook"

The world would be a pretty drab place if it were not for jovial, fun-loving personalities like Herbert Marshall, Jean Arthur, Lee Carrillo and Lionel Stander, stars and principals of Columbia's new romantic comedy, "If You Could Only Cook," which is showing at the Star Theatre. Together, with the very helpful direction of William A. Seiter, who knows a comedy situation when he sees one, and some exceptionally amusing dialogue from the joint pens of Howard J. Green and Gertrude Purcell, they make the film a sparkling and happy thing. "If You Could Only Cook," to add it all up, is as delightful a comedy as has come this way in many a moon.

"Modern Times"

Appearing in "Modern Times," his first film since the release of "City Lights," almost five years ago, and his funniest to date, Charlie Chaplin is to be seen at the Majestic Theatre. His most pretentious film to date, "Modern Times" features some huge and elaborate sets, notably the interior of the modern steel factory where the opening of the story finds Charlie a poor abused mechanic everlastingly tightening bolts on a moving track. The monotony of this job gets Charlie and he runs wild, attacking everything and everybody in view with his brandished wrenches in one of the funniest scenes ever filmed. Love comes into the little chap's life in the person of a comedy gamine of the waterfront, whom he befriends and aids. The lovely Paulette Goddard makes her debut as Charlie's leading lady in this role and proves of genius discovery. Also prominently cast are Chester Conklin, Henry Bergman and Hank Mann.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks.

H. K. \$1,850 b. and ea.
H. K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), \$109½ b.
Chartered Bank, \$15½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. \$32½ n.
Mercantile Bank, C., \$14½ n.
East Asia Bank, \$83 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$300 b.
Union Ins., \$615 b. and ea.
China Underwriters, \$1.00 n.
H. K. Fire, \$300 n.
Internat'l Assoc., Sh. \$3¼ n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$30 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$7.40 n.
Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$36 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$36 n.
Shell (Bearer), \$28/9 n.
Union Waterboats, \$10½ n.

Docks etc.

H. K. Wharves (old), \$104 n.
H. K. & W. Docks, \$14 n.
Providents (old), \$1.70 b. and ea.
Providents (new), 20 cts. n.
New Engineering, Sh. \$4 n.
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$90 n.

Mining

Kailan Mining Ad., 15/6 n.
Rauas, \$13.10 n.
Venz: Goldfield \$8 b.

Philippine Mining

Antamoka, P. 1.80
Atoka, \$33 n.
Baguio Gold, P. 27
Bangkok Min., P. 14½
Bangkok Consols, P. 14½
Bangkok Expl. P. 18
Big Wedges, \$66 n.
Consolidated Mines, \$3.07 n.
Demonstrations, \$1.34 n.
Ipo Gold, P. 27½
I. X. L., \$3 n.
Itogons, \$3/3.10 n.
Masbate Cons., P. 45½
Northern Min., P. 17½
Paracale Gums, \$1.10/25 n.
Salacot Min., P. 65½
San Mauricio, \$5.20/½
Suyoc Consols, \$91 n.
United Paracale, P. 1.65
Mindanao, \$66 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$5.60 b.
H. K. Lands, \$33 b.
H. K. Lands, 4% Deben.
\$105 n.
S'hai Lands, Sh. \$13 n.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$10 n.
Humphries, \$9½ n.
H. K. Realities, \$4.90 n.
Chinese Estates, \$76 n.
China Realities, Sh. \$4 n.
China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.

Public Utilities.

H. K. Tramways, \$12.80 b. and ea.
Peak Trams, (old), \$6½ n.
Peak Trams, (new), \$23½ n.
Star Ferries, (old), \$93 b.
Yaumati Ferries (old), \$25 n.
China Lights, \$13.40 n.
China Lights, (new), \$10.40 b.
H. K. Electric, \$55 b.
Macao Electric, \$20 n.
Sandakan Lights, \$10 n.
Telephone (old), \$30 b. and ea.
Telephone (new), \$10.75 b.
China Buses, Sh. \$11¼ n.
Singapore Traction, 27/— n.
Singapore Prof., 27/— n.

Industrials.

Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$19½ n.
Cald: Macg. (new), Sh. \$16 n.
Canton Ice, \$2.05 n.
Cement, \$11 b.
H. K. Rope, \$2.50 n.

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, \$21½ n.
Watson, \$4.85 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$6¼ n.
Sinceres, \$2.90 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$50 n.

Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$14.85/90 n.
S'hai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$85 n.
S'hai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$60 n.
Zoong Sings, \$31 n.

Miscellaneous.

H. K. Entertainments, \$3.40 n.
Constructions (old), \$1¼ n.
Constructions (new), 42½ cts. n.
Vibro Piling, \$5.50 n.
Cib. Govt. 5% 1925 C&Bda 93¼ n.

H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 8% prm b.
H. K. Govt. 3½% Loan 3% prm b.
Wallace Harpers \$4 n.

EXCHANGE

Selling

T.T. Demand 1/2.27/32
T.T. Shanghai 102½
T.T. Singapore 52½
T.T. Japan 100
T.T. India 30½
T.T. U.S.A. 30½
T.T. Manila 60¼
T.T. Batavia 55½
T.T. Bangkok 140½
T.T. Saigon 650
T.T. France 13½
T.T. Germany 13½
T.T. Switzerland 1/3½
T.T. Australia 1/3½
T.T. Lisbon 67½

Buying

4 m/s. L/C. London 1/3.5/32
4 m/s. D/P. do 1/3.7/32
4 m/s. L/C. U.S.A. 31
4 m/s. France 67
30 d/s. India 83½
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.91%

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET LOWER YESTERDAY

New York, Dec. 28. S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's market:—The markets to-day were lower and trading was quiet. Most leaders declined, with a few exceptions, notably railroad and oil issues. Mercantile shares were the hardest hit, as traders took their profits due to the fact that the holiday season is over. Chrysler shares led the downward trend in motor issues. Copper slipped after an early advance. Utility, chemical and farm securities sagged. Douglas Aircraft stocks were outstanding, due to the excellent sales report. The market for bonds was irregular. Stocks on the Curb Exchange were irregularly higher.

S. C. & F. Wall Street Journal Morning comment:—It is indicated that the year-end railroad earnings will be the highest since 1929. Some utility holding companies are considering inviting the public to participate in the ownership of common equities and subsidiaries. To-day's Treasury statement is likely to show an inactive fund for the first time. Continued business improvement during 1937 is probable.

S. C. & F. New York office cables: Stocks: The market to-day reflected profit-taking and selling to meet tax demands. The uncertainty on the part of professional traders was an additional adverse factor. Pennsylvania crude oil prices have advanced by 15 cents per barrel. The Times business index for the past week is 110.0, against 109.0 the previous week and 95.4 during the corresponding period of last year.

Cotton: The mill position is reported to be extremely favourable. Forward interest is broadening, apparently participating in the general commodity advance. The foreign political situation is a factor. Forwardings to mills during the past week totalled 321,000 bales.

Wheat: The market displayed strength early in the session on dry weather conditions in the West, renewed export demand and the foreign political situation. Prices, however, eased towards the close on denial of a reported reduction in the United States import duty and owing to a general feeling that a technical action is due. The visible supply during the past week has decreased by 1,199,000 bushels.

Corn: Commercial demand to-day absorbed all offerings and sellers appeared only on advances. The visible supply has increased by 1,501,000 bushels.

Rubber: Prices advanced on the insistent strength of the London market, apprehension regarding near supplies and the possibility that armament reserves are being created. The market is firm.

REUTERS' QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages:
Dec. 23. Dec. 28.
30 Industrials 178.00 177.12
20 Rails 52.58 52.20
20 Utilities 34.05 34.25
40 Bonds 105.35 105.24
11 Commodity Index 78.73 81.57

ON HOLIDAY

London, Dec. 28.
Mr. Patrick Duncan, Governor-General Designate of the Union of South Africa, arrived in London to-day for a short holiday.—British Wireless.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE YESTERDAY'S CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London on December 28. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	Last	To-day's
Price	Price	
3½% War Loan	£102½	£102½
4½% Bonds 1892	£101	£101½
(Brit. Iss.)		
5% Gold Bonds	£89	£89½
1925-47		
4½% Loan 1908	£100	£100
5% Loan 1912	£78½	£80
5% Reorg. Loan	£93	£94
1913		
5% Chinese Imperial Rly.	£91½	£92½
5% Honan Rly.	£71½	£72½
1905		
5% Hukwang Rly.	£53	£54½
1911		
5% Loan 1913	£29	£30
5% Shai-Nanking Rly.	£72½	£74½
5% Tient-Pukow Railway (Brit. Supd.)	£53½	£55
5% Tient-Pukow Rly. (Ger. Supd.)	£52	£53½
5% Tient-Pukow Rly. (Ger. Supd.)	£52	£53½
5% Japan Sterling Loan 1907	£75½	£76
0% Japan Sterling Loan 1924	£75½	£76
7% German International Loan	£52½	£52½
Chartered Bank U. I. A. & C.	£15½	£15½
H.K. & Shai Bking Corp. (Ldn. Regd.)	£100	£100½
Chinese Engineering & Mining	14/3	15/0
Chosen Corp.	11/10½	11/10½
Pekin Syndicate	4/0	5/0
Shai Electric Construction	45/-	45/-
Shai Waterworks	35½	35½
Union	37	37
Soc. of Canton Gula Kalampong Rubber	51/3	57/0
Allied Ironfounders	33/3	33/-
Associated & Electrical Industries	52/3	52/-
Austin Motors and Brit.-Amer. Tob. (bearer)	133/0	133/0
Cammell, Laird, ord.	16/4½	16/4½
Mexican Eagle	31/9	32/-
Courtauld's	57/3	57/0
Distillers	123/10½	124/6
Dunlop Rubber	35/-	35/-
General Electric (England)	93/9	94/-
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	142/9	142/0
Hawker Aircraft Bristol Aeroplane ord.	28/-	28/-
Imperial Chemical Industries	65/-	65/-
Imperial Tobacco Marks & Spencer	42/1½	42/-
183/1½	182/6	
O.K. Bazaar	80/3	80/3
Rolls Royce	170/-	170/-
Leyland Motors	122/6	121/3
Tate & Lyle	88/6	88/6
Turner & Newall	112/3	112/0
United Steel	31/7½	32/-
Swirewick Drop	22/3	22/0
Armstrong's	12/7½	12/7½
Stevens		

QUEEN'S THURSDAY

IT TOPS "THANKS A MILLION" IN A MILLION WAYS!



A licensed hawk, Kwan Yiu, aged 25, was charged with the theft of 15 oranges from a fruit stall at Centre Street, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's this morning. Sergeant W. L. Clarke said a district watchman arrested defendant at 4 a.m. to-day, and defendant's pockets were full of oranges. Defendant was blind in the left eye. Defendant told the Court he stole the oranges because he wanted something to start a business with. His Worship decided to give defendant a chance and bound him over in the sum of \$50 to be of good behaviour for a year.

Vickers, ord.	34/0	34/0
Woolworths	80/3	80/0
Anglo-Dutch	43/9	45/-
Kuiper Plantation Investment		
Trust	44/7½	45/-
Burma Corp.	10/1½	10/4½
C. nonwealth		
Mining	7/3	7/4½
Mareman Invest-		
ments	31/-	32/-
Randfontein Es-		
tates	70/0	70/0
Explorations Co.	14/-	14/-
Sub-Nigel	205/-	200/3
Tannan Gold		
Mining	1/1½	1/1½
Anglo-Iranian	99/4	99/4
Burmah	107/6	100/10½
Shell Transport and Trading (bearer)	127/6	120/9
5% Chinese Sterl-		
ing Notes 1925	29	29½
5% Canton-Kow-		
loon Rly.	38	40

—Reuter.

POST OFFICE.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

On Friday, the 1st January and Saturday the 2nd January, the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open as follows:—

	Friday, 1st Jan	Saturday, 2nd Jan
General Post Office	8 a.m. to Noon	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Kowloon Central P.O.	8 a.m. to Noon	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Sheungwan Branch P.O.	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
	7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m. on Friday the 1st January and at 10 a.m. on Saturday the 2nd January.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

POSTAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Public are reminded that the postage on Printed Papers, Commercial Papers, Samples and Small Packets must be fully prepaid. Insufficiently prepaid Printed Papers etc. are not forwarded.

H.K. GOVERNMENT RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE

XLT Telegrams conveying New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio up to January 6, 1937.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate.

(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words.

Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Radio Office.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

Shanghai	Alma	December 30.
Straits	Dangore	December 30.
Straits	Ginyo Maru	December 30.
Japan	Nankin	December 30.
Straits	Van Heutz	December 30.
Shanghai	Alma	December 31.
Haliphong	Canton	December 31.
Australia and Manila	Nellere	December 31.
Amoy	Talamba	December 31.
Shanghai	Talhyblus	December 31.
Japan	Africa Maru	January 1.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 12th December)	Emp. of Canada	January 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	January 1.
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Letters and papers) London, 3rd December	Hakusan Maru	January 1.
Shanghai	Somali	January 1.
Java and Manila	Tjilaroca	January 2.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuenyang	January 2.
Straits	Aeneas	January 5.
Calcutta and Straits	Potsdam	January 5.
	Sirdhana	January 5.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tuesday	Chung On ... Tues., Dec. 29, 4 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Tuesday	Tues., Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Wednesday	
		Javanese Prince
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Foo-chow and North China (via Shanghai)	Wed., Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.	
	Wed., Dec. 30.	
	Reg., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.	
	Letters, Dec. 29, 7 p.m.	
	G.P.O., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.	
	Letters, Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.	
Foochow via Swatow	Ninghai	Wed., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due Alax Amsterdam, 11th January.	G.P.O. & K.F.O.	Wed., Jan. 30.
	Reg., Dec. 30, 1.30 p.m.	
	Letters, Dec. 30, 2 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt Ajax and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 27th January and London-Parcels (Due London, 3rd February.)	Parcels	G.P.O. and K.F.O. Dec. 30, Noon.
Swatow	Letters	Dec. 30, 1.45 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 30, 2.30 p.m.
	Letters	Wed., Dec. 30, 3 p.m.

Letters for "Imperial Airways direct Service"—due London 11th January 1937.	R.M.A. Dorado	Fri., Jan. 1.
	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	Fri., Jan. 1.
Letters for Australia by "Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin 5th January 1937	R. M. A. Dorado	Fri., Dec. 31.
	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	Fri., Dec. 31.
	Reg., Thurs., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.	
	Letters, Mon. Jan. 1, 8.30 a.m.	
Haliphong	Canton	Fri., Jan. 1, Noon.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Jan. 1, Noon.
*Straits and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 31st January.	G. P. O. & K. F. O.	Fri., Jan. 1, Noon.
*Straits and Calcutta	Chakrang	Fri., Jan. 1, Noon.
	Letters	Jan. 1, Noon.

*Straits and Calcutta	Talamba	Sat., Jan. 2.
	Letters	Jan. 2, 9 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Nankin	Parcels	Sat., Jan. 2.
Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 19th January.	Reg.	Jan. 1, Noon.
Shanghai and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 27th January.	Letters	Jan. 1, Noon.
*Straits and Calcutta	Chakrang	Sat., Jan. 2, 9 a.m.
	Letters	Jan. 2, 9 a.m.
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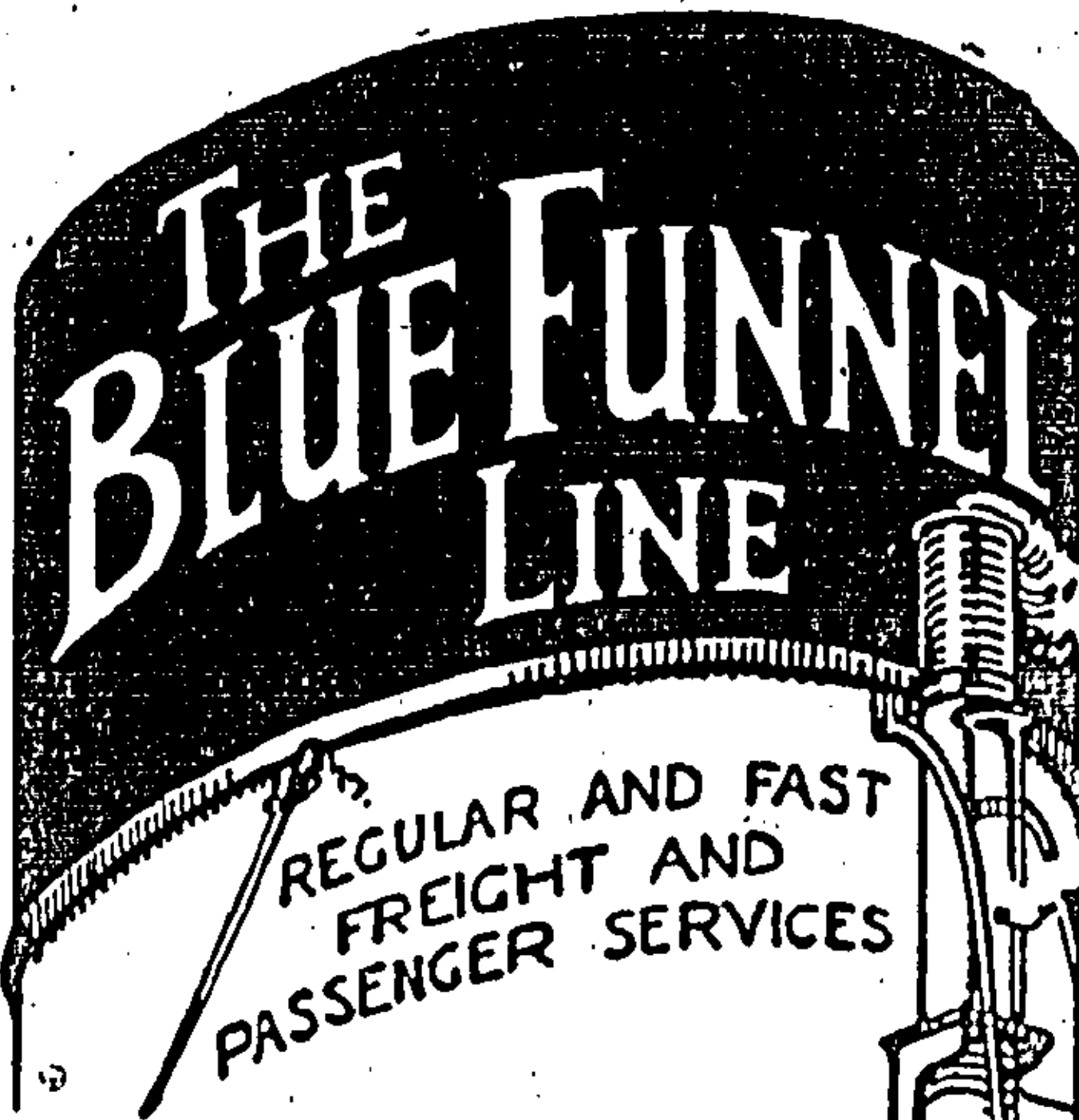
Swatow via Swatow	Kweiyang	Sun., Jan. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Sun., Jan. 3, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Swatow and Amoy	Anshun,	Mon., Jan. 4, 12.30 p.m.

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STEAMER	Due H'Kong	Leaves H'Kong	Leaves Manila	Due Sydney
TAIPING	7 Jan.	14 Jan.	16 Jan.	1 Feb.
CHANGTE	9 Feb.	13 Feb.	16 Feb.	8 Mar.
TAIPING	9 Mar.	16 Mar.	19 Mar.	4 Apr.
CHANGTE	9 Apr.	16 Apr.	19 Apr.	7 May

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U.S. FIGHTING PLANES WILL GO TO SPAIN

(Continued from Page 1.)

day and there is now a disposition to minimize the whole affair.—
Reuter Bulletin Service.

Cruiser Standing By?

Berlin, Dec. 29.
It is now stated that a 6,000-ton cruiser has been ordered to proceed to Bilbao.

For name and present location are unknown, as are her orders. However, it is expected she will stand by until a settlement is reached.—
United Press.

Government Successes

Madrid, Dec. 28.
The Spanish Government claims considerable successes in yesterday's fighting, which lasted until nightfall. It is stated that militiamen completely cleared the Gernika roads and that communications with the Government positions in Arava have been re-established. The lines of communication with Pozuelo have also been cleared, it is said.

The Government claims to have inflicted heavy losses on the rebels in these areas and to have captured five of the rebels' armoured car fleet.—
Reuter Bulletin Service.

Rebel Thrust Stopped

Valencia, Dec. 29.
The War Department announced to-day that militia units had completely encircled Teruel, following the seizure of Conard by Aragon troops, six miles to the north. The militia thus claim to have halted the rebel advance to the Mediterranean, by which the insurgents hoped to isolate Valencia and Barcelona.—
United Press.

Many Priests Slain

Avila, Dec. 28.
Monsieur Goma, Primate of Spain, and Archbishop of Toledo, has returned here from Rome, where he was twice received by His Holiness Pope Pius.

The Primate is reported to have declared that 10 Bishops and 5,000 priests out of a total of 35,000, have been killed since the outbreak of the civil war.—
Reuter.

Embassy Move Explained

London, Dec. 28.
The Transfer of the British Embassy from Madrid to Valencia is due to the fact that there seems no prospect of an early return of a Spanish Government to Madrid. Hence, the British representative, Mr. Ogilvie Forbes, is not in a good position to maintain close contact with important political authorities.

Moreover, measures to supply the Embassy staff with the necessary provisions are becoming increasingly difficult.

With regard to the voluntary relief expeditions and organizations, it is pointed out that Mr. Forbes will be able to visit Madrid periodically and give them the necessary assistance.—
Reuter.

Detailed Arrangements

London, Dec. 28.
His Majesty's Government has decided to instruct Mr. Ogilvie Forbes, British Charge d'Affaires at Madrid, to close the Embassy and to withdraw his staff and remaining British subjects to Valencia, present seat of the Spanish Government.

As regards humanitarian and relief work, the Spanish Government has now made through the League of Nations, efforts to obtain the services of such experts as they consider necessary, and will consider the reports of these experts before taking any further decision.

Unless the Spanish Government has received reports of the experts, the question of organized international relief measures does not arise.

Further, in regard to voluntary organizations already at work in Spain, and which are allowed to continue their individual activities, it will no doubt be possible for Mr. Forbes to visit Madrid from time to time, should occasion arise, to give such advice or render such assistance as may be possible. As regards the maintenance of the Embassy staff at Madrid, measures for keeping both the staff and British subjects who are still there supplied with necessary provisions must necessarily have become increasingly difficult. Such difficulties will be considerably smaller in Valencia where British ships can co-operate in dealing with the problems of maintenance and supplies.

Exact details regarding the withdrawal are being left to the discretion of Mr. Forbes, who will bear in mind both the needs of the British interests and British subjects.—
British Wireless.

24 Hours To Move

Madrid, Dec. 29.
With the decision to move the British Embassy from Madrid to Valencia, some 200 remaining members of the British Colony have 24 hours to decide whether they wish to be evacuated or to remain in the beleaguered city.

There was a pathetic scene when Mr. Ogilvie Forbes explained the position at a special meeting at the Embassy. Many of the people under British protection have this advantage only because they were born in Gibraltar or in other nearby British territory, and unless they decide to be evacuated their lives may be endangered when they no longer have the sanctuary of the Embassy.—
Reuter.

FAIR WEATHER

An anticyclone has formed over Mongolia and Manchuria. It is strengthening and spreading southward. Local forecast: East, and N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

The Wing On Company send an excellent diary and date book for 1937, neatly bound in book form.

Only Four Perfect Film Voices

CROSBY, POWELL, BROOK, AND JEAN ARTHUR

Only four film stars have perfect voices for talkies and only one of them is a woman.

This assertion is made by one of Hollywood's chief experts on the subject, John Livandary, who is in charge of the sound recording at one of the biggest studios.

The four are—
William Powell, Jean Arthur, Bing Crosby, Clive Brook.

"They have all the essential elements, and their voices fall within what we call the vital range," Mr. Livandary explained.

He has discovered why Bing Crosby's voice is so attractive to women.

"His upper and lower registers are matched exactly," he said. "That allows him to go from one register to another without a break and gives him a seemingly effortless production in regard to range, as well as in loud and soft singing."

The second element is a well-controlled vibrato, that what gives him the heart-appeal. Exaggerated, the vibrato becomes a tremolo, and that in a singer of Crosby's type would be fatal.

And, finally, his voice is full of overtone. It is complex in its tonal qualities, and therefore rich."

NEW MARVEL CLOCK
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The man whose clocks assist the Astronomer Royal in measuring the time of the world has produced a new marvel clock.

He is Mr. F. Hope-Jones, of the Synchronome Company, to whom householders owe the boon of time over the electric light wires.

For centuries clockmakers have been trying to produce the perfect time-dialled clock, operating from a single mechanism, for recording both mean solar time and sidereal time in relation to the stars.

AT A GLANCE
Recently Dr. L. J. Comrie has worked out the true ratio between the two times—the mean solar day is 24 hours 3 minutes 56.55536 seconds in sidereal time. As a result, Mr. Hope-Jones has been able to produce an electric grid-driven clock which is almost perfect.

If this clock ran for 100,000 years the error between the two dials would, it is claimed, be less than one second.

The practical value of the clock is that it will allow astronomers to have sidereal time translated into Greenwich mean time at a glance.

ART EXHIBITION

Mr. Lau Kwan-yum, a promising local artist, is holding an exhibition of his works at the Hotel Cecil. Mr. Lau is an artist of no mean order and his exhibited works consist of all paintings, water colours, pastels and pen-and-ink, besides a number of Chinese paintings and calligraphy. All counted, there are nearly 200 pieces on view. Among Mr. Lau's Chinese paintings are excellent representations of the line—the execution of which is considered so important in Chinese art. Expression is admirably done with mere black and white.

The "Peasants" (since bought by Dr. S. Y. Chung), "Crabs" (bought by Mr. Wu Mei Hoo, another artist) and "Bergsman" (bought by Mr. Baker) are especially worthy of mention.

The exhibition closes to-day at 3 p.m. Works by other artists will also be shown. Part of the proceeds from the sale of pictures will be donated to the Suiyuan Relief fund.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter.

New York Cotton		
January	12.40/40	12.55/55
March	12.30/40	12.51/52
May	12.30/32	12.41/43
July	12.24/25	12.34/34
October	11.80/82	12.04/04
Spot	12.00	13.11

New York Rubber		
Dec.	21.57n	23.14n
March	21.67 /87	23.20 /20
May	21.50n/52n	22.62 /64
July	21.30 /30	22.80 /50
Sept.	21.22n	22.38 /40
Total sales	7,010 tons.	

Chicago Wheat		
Dec.	141 1/4/141 3/4	137 1/2/137 1/2
May	130 3/4/130 3/4	135 1/4/135 1/4
July	119 1/2/119 1/2	118 1/2/118 1/2
Saturday's sales	38,175,000 bushels.	

Chicago Corn		
Dec.	110 /110 1/2	109 1/4/109 1/4
May	104 1/4/104 1/4	104 1/4/104 1/4
July	100 1/2/100 1/2	100 1/2/101

Chicago Corn New Contract		
Dec.	100 1/2/100 1/2	105 1/2/106
May	102 1/2/102 1/2	102 1/2/103

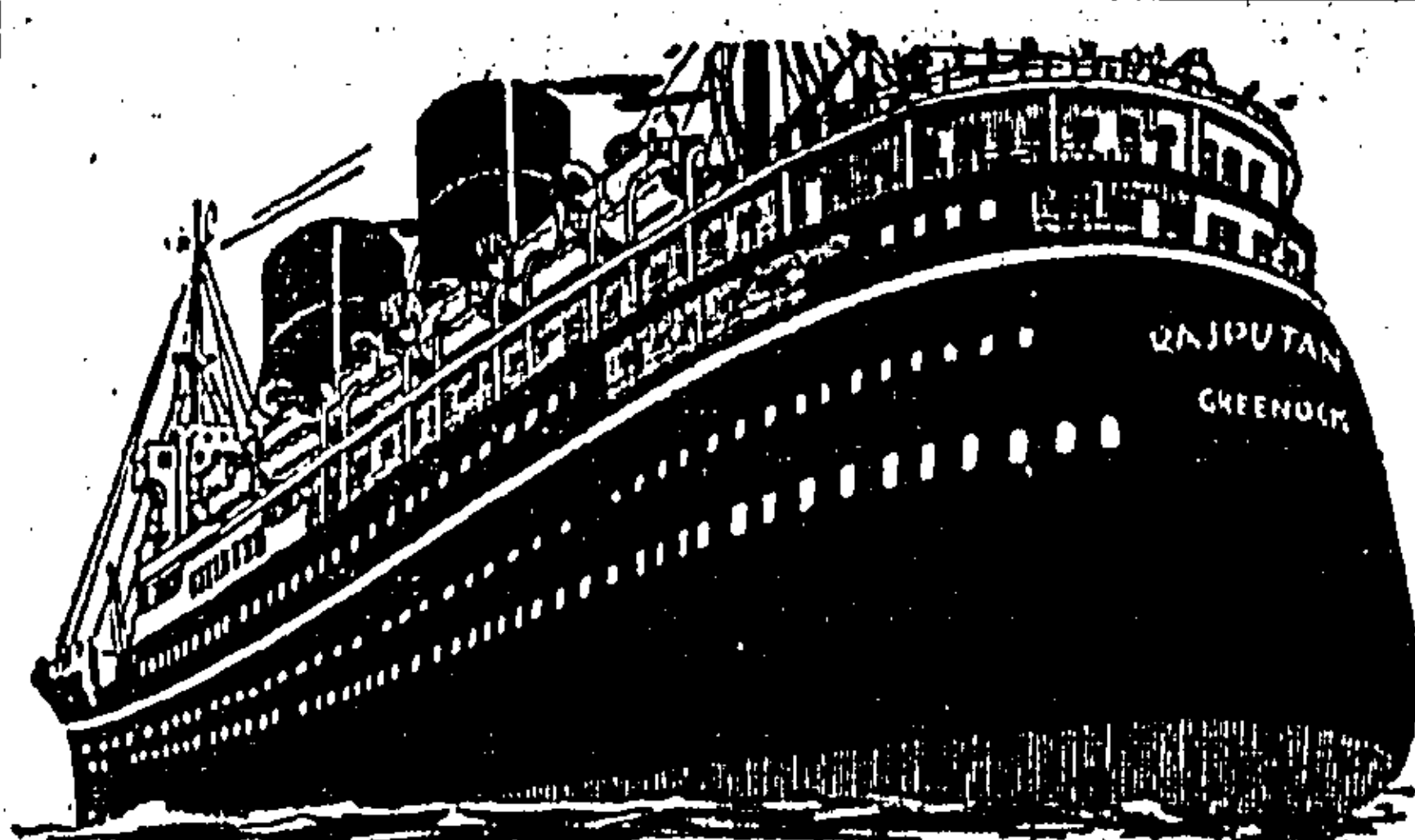
Winnipeg Wheat		
Dec.	128 1/2/128 1/2	127 1/2/127 1/2
May	128 1/2/128 1/2	128 /128 1/2

MANILA SHARES

The following quotations have been received by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office the close of the morning session:

Prices in Pesos		
Buyers	Sellers	
Antamok	1.80	1.85
Atok	.53	.55
Baguio Gold	.20	.28
Honolulu Consol.	14.00	14.25
dated		
Benquet Exploration	.173	
Big Wedge	.39	.40
Coco Grove	.81	.82
Consolidated		
S. Mines	.04	.0425
Dayak	.27	.28
Demonstration	.82	.83
East Mindanao	.38	.39
Gold Creek	.24	.25
Gumaua Gold	.30	.31
Ilogon	1.75	1.80
L. X. L.	1.00	1.05
Marsman & Co.	114.00	118.00
Masbate	.45	.46
Mineral Resources	.42A	
Mother Lode	.16	.17
Paracale Gold	.33	.34
Paracale Gumaua	.70	.71
San Mateo	3.20	3.25
Suyno	.53	.54
United Paracale	1.60	1.65
Universal Exploration	.30	.31
Market	—Very steady.	

Exchange Rates		
	Dec. 23	Dec. 28
Paris	105.11/64	105.11/64
Geneva	21.34	21.37 1/2
Berlin	12.21	12.21
Athens	350	350
Milan	93 1/2	93 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	10.39 1/2	10.39 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York	4.91 1/4	4.91 1/4
Amsterdam	8.97	8.93 1/2
Brussels	29.10	29.12 1/2
Prague	139 1/2	140 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/2 29/32	1/2 29/32
Bombay	1/6 5/32	1/6 5/32
Montreal	4.90 3/4	4.91 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	213	213
Monte Video	30 3/4	30 3/4
Buenos Aires	4 1/4	4 1/4
Bucharest	670	670
Silver (forward)	20 1/2	21 1/2
Silver (Spot)	20 1/2	21 1/2
War Loan	105 1/2	105 1/2
	—British Wireless.	



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S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong	About	Destination.
*SOMALI	7,000	2nd Jan.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.	
RAJPUTANA	17,000	8th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.	
*KIDDERPORE	5,000	10th Jan.	Bombay & Karachi only.	
RANPURA	17,000	23rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.	
*BANGALORE	6,000	30th Jan.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.	
RAWALPINDI	17,000	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London.	
CORFU	14,500	20th Feb.	Marseilles & London.	

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TALAMBA	8,000	2nd Jan.	
TALMA	10,000	16th Jan.	
SIRDIANA	8,000	30th Jan.	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang
SHIRALA	8,000	13th Feb.	Rangoon & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	27th Feb.	

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS

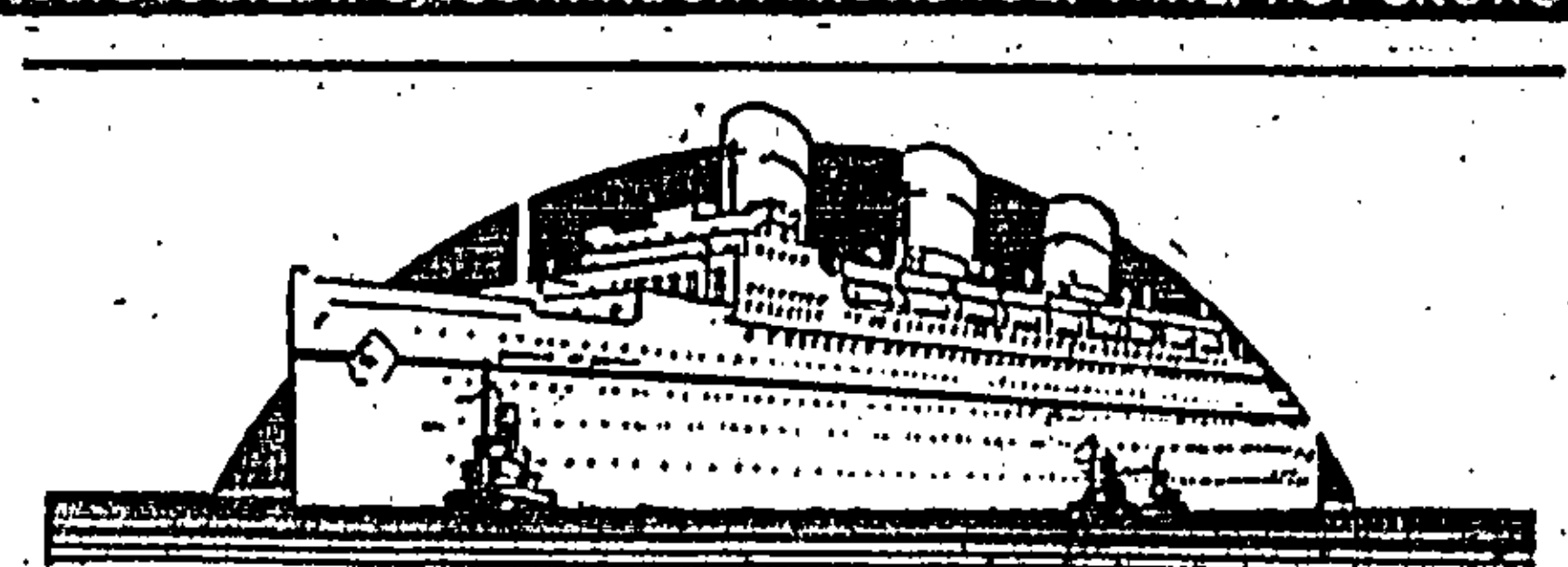
NANKIN	7,000	2nd Jan.	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
NELLORE	7,000	30th Jan.	Melbourne & Hobart.
TANDA	7,000	6th Mar.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

*BANGALORE	6,000	30th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.
NELLORE	7,000	1st Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
SIRDIANA	8,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
SHIRALA	17,000	8th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
SHIRALA	6,000	21st Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
CORFU	14,500	22nd Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
*BHUTAN	6,000	23rd Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.

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DEATH.

PITTENDRIGH.—William Mackenzie
Pittendrigh, at the War Memorial
Hospital at 4 a.m. on December
29, 1936. Funeral passes the
Monument to-day at 5 p.m.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1936.

"BLACK SPOT" IN INDUSTRY

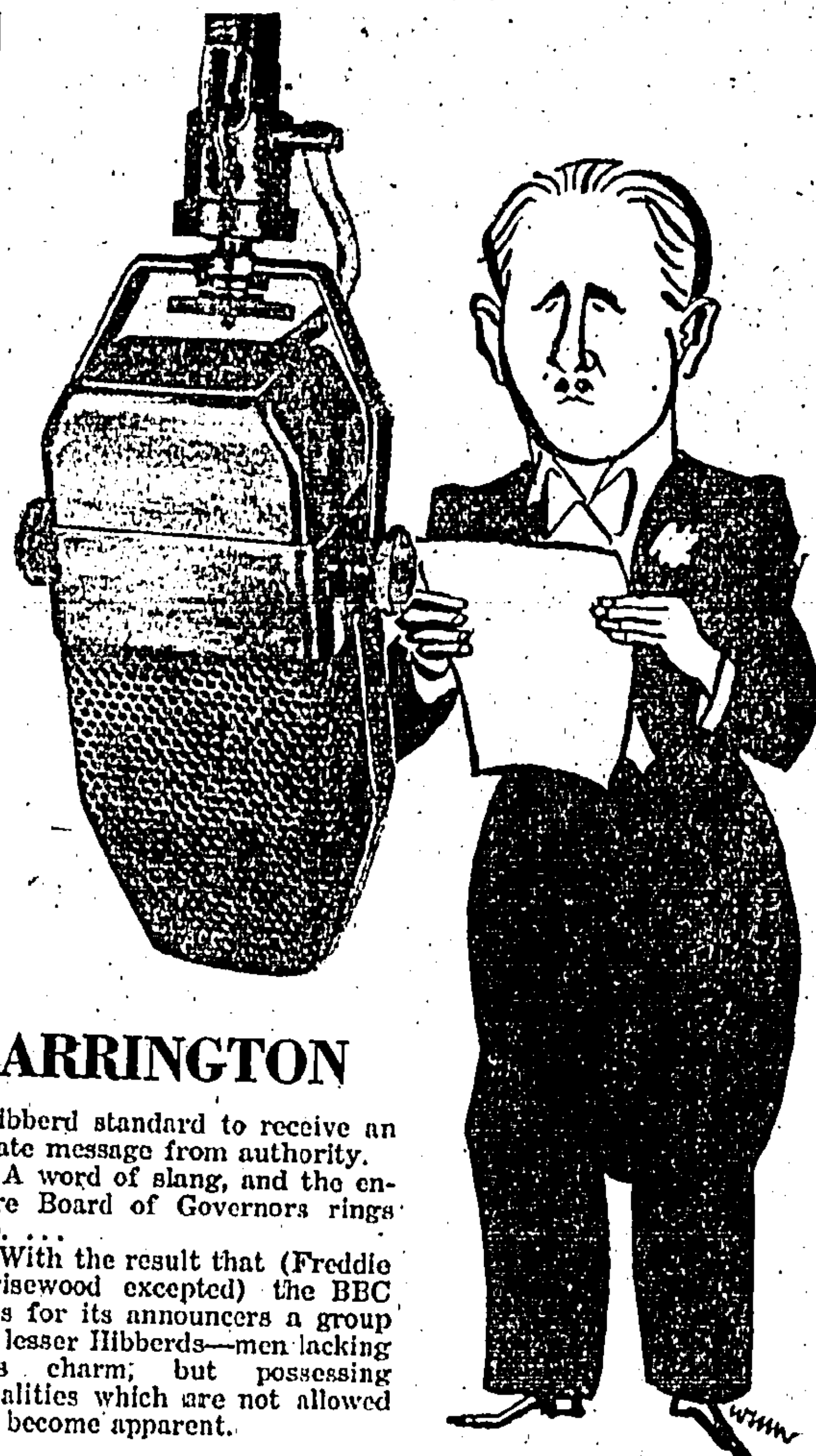
During the recent House of Commons debate on the distressed areas and the location of industry, strong pleas were made for extending special measures for the reduction of unemployment in districts which do not come within the Special Areas Act, but which have, none the less, suffered severely from the industrial depression. In particular, stress was laid on the claims of South-West Lancashire, one of the worst industrial "black spots" of the country. At the same time, the Lancashire Industrial Development Council is making a further appeal to the Minister of Health for consideration of Lancashire's claims to special assistance in view of the decline of her basic industry. Previous appeals have failed. Sir Thomas Barlow, Chairman of the Council, maintains that incentives should be provided for the establishment of factories in Lancashire. He points out that the derating of industry was an example of discrimination by the State as between different sections of the community and that if that principle were accepted in the one case, there is no reason why it should not be applied to the better distribution of industrial enterprise over Great Britain in the interests of the community as a whole. As was pointed out in the debate in the House of Commons, three-quarters of all the unemployed are concentrated in four out of the nine Ministry of Labour industrial divisions and yet the Special Areas Act deals with only some 300,000 of the 1,200,000 unemployed. There is a great mass of long-term unemployed outside the scheduled areas who have had no consideration of any kind. The Government's original claim was that by narrowing the front in this way, it would be able to deal more expeditiously with the problem. That claim has not been upheld. As the Commissioner pointed out in his Report, under the Special Areas Act, "It has to be admitted that no appreciable reduction of the number of these unemployed has been effected." It is clear that the problem of long-term unemployment arising from the decline of basic industries must be considered as a whole, and must be attacked immediately. If anything is to be done it must be done at once whilst the upward movement of

THEY STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD—III

He tells the world

Portrait of
BBC chief
announcer
with
suggestions
for other
announcers

by JONAH BARRINGTON



LET us consider Mr. Stuart Hibberd—appreciatively, critically, reminiscently.

Because Hibberd, for 11 years chief announcer of the BBC, is a man in a million.

Not necessarily through force of personality, but by nature of his job.

He is the man who, more than any one else, tells the world. He is at the top of his profession, a vital, familiar figure in every British home throughout the Empire. And, as such, worthy of dissection.

A QUIET man... slightly over forty.

Fair hair, brushed straight back, tops a broad, intelligent brow, rather narrow eyes, a fair military moustache, a good-humoured mouth.

The figure is still alert and vigorous—result of strenuous week-end tennis.

Several familiar mannerisms—a shrugging of the shoulders, an upward gesticulation of the hands.

A number of fixed habits—an orange eaten at definite hours, a gargle and a mouth wash before bulletins, a little singing before speaking.

Endless little kindnesses and attentions to others in Broadcasting House—the invariable phone call to the home of any member of the staff who happens to be ill—the baskets of home-grown vegetables for colleagues.

And a whole heap of quite genuine modesty.

Witness the time when I met him after a conference. He had been talking to 50 journalists and was a little worried.

He asked me how it went. I reassured him. I'm hanged if I can think of anything to say on these occasions," was his comment. That—from a man who, did he but know it, encounters a front-page story for almost every week he puts in on duty.

THINK back. There is a very nervous, difficult Stuart Hibberd, fresh from service in the North-West Indian Police, applying for a job in November 1924 as second announcer.

Four days later, without warning, he is at the microphone, saying, "This is London calling," and reading. His chief is away.

The first SOSs—requests from owners of lost dogs, canaries, parrots, to broadcast appeals—with Hibberd handing out a polite succession of refusals.

The constant vigilance necessary to see that speakers didn't insert gratuitous advertisements into their MSS (to-day there is a censorship, but then it was the announcer's responsibility).

The terrifying (and thankless) task of turning over for pianists.

Reading the news by match-light when the lights failed.... Talking Mr. A. P. Herbert (then unwell) to the wrong studio—rushing him, coatless,

the trade cycle is still in operation. In a capitalist society, there are only short periods during which industrial rehabilitation can be effected. Unless the area of depression is to be extended and intensified during the coming years, it must be eliminated during the present period of comparative industrial activity. Meanwhile, the Labour Party is sending a Commission into the worst areas of depression to establish the facts and to draw up constructive proposals which it will immediately place before the Government with a view to immediate and intensified action.

down corridors, to the right

The general strike of 1926—with lists of trains and buses lasting over an hour to be read.

The frantic inquiries to Savoy Hill—thousands of phone calls—when Father Knox broadcast a play depicting London in a state of revolution and the House of Parliament on fire.

Hibberd, voice surcharged with genuine pleasure, announcing royal weddings.

Hibberd, with genuine emotion, announcing the serious illness of King George... the abdication of King Edward VIII. Thus he has grown and developed.

WHAT lies ahead?

Hibberd has set a standard of announcing which is second to none.

But it is not enough. Hibberd, or the B.B.C. authorities over him, should train men in a dozen different standards.

They should take promising men, note their characteristics, develop them.

If a man has a leaning towards slang, let him be slangy—in certain programmes.

If he can be funny—and intimate, encourage him—again in certain programmes.

If he has a slight lisp—that's grand.

The public would love a lisp-announcer occasionally.

At present a man has only to deviate a few inches from the

Hibberd standard to receive an

A word of slang, and the entire Board of Governors rings up.

With the result that (Freddie Grisewood excepted) the BBC has for its announcers a group of lesser Hibberds—men lacking in his charm, but possessing the qualities which are not allowed to become apparent.

MUCH of the trouble lies

in the rule that every-thing must be read. A man may only have to introduce Bernard Shaw. But, sure enough, an hour or so before the broadcast, down comes the typed book of words from the executives.

"This is the National programme. To-night we have in the studio that distinguished dramatist Mr. Bernard Shaw," etc.

No chance for the wretched man to think this out for himself—or even to improve on it. He must READ—and usually he sounds like it.

Over in Alexandra Palace, where television lives, they do things differently.

Leslie Mitchell, for example, is making his announcements impromptu. Obviously he can't be seen fluttering a sheet of paper, so he gags. Sometimes he's hesitant, sometimes he's funny, but all the time he's human.

Alas for informality. It will only be a matter of weeks before orders come through from

Broadcasting House that television announcements must be typed—and memorised.

TURN from this modernity—this carping and criticism—back to Stuart Hibberd.

Soon he'll be back from his Canadian and American tour.

Soon he'll be making his daily journey—back and forth—from Bickley to Broadcasting House.

Soon—as familiar as the Nelson Column and as reliable as the Bank of England—he'll be at the microphone.

The honey-tinted voice, with its flavour of the Eton and Harrow match, Ascot, the Boat-race—everything that is traditionally British—will penetrate once more into a million British homes.

We welcome him back—Radio's No. 1 personality.

But up on his throne there is room for at least half a dozen other personalities—men who can offer contrast to his solid worth. There is even room, if they bunch up a bit, for a wo-

I MARRIED FOR MONEY—

And Have Never
Regretted It

She's Now a Shrew

Now, fifteen years afterwards, inspired to put this on paper by the famous comment by an important person that "Love is everything," I say that I am unreservedly glad that I acted as I did.

I look around at the couples who made love matches at the time that I married for money; none of them I am convinced, happier than my wife and I and our two children. But many of them are far less happy.

The girl of my tennis club days soon found another young man and married him. She has never been particularly well off, and as I look at her now I thank my lucky stars I did not marry her, for life has turned her into a shrew. I have raised nothing except, perhaps, a certain ecstasy which in the very nature of things would have quickly died.

And I have gained everything.

A Fabric of Affection

Even if I had married for love I could not be better off than I am now. A great affection, loyalty, camaraderie—call it what you will—exists between my wife and me. It is a fabric of affection which we ourselves have woven, and the point is that we should still have had to weave it even if we had followed the usual romantic path of marrying for love—as every couple has to when love wanes.

Actually, it has been easier for us, for the fever of love has never hidden our real selves from each other.

From the beginning we have seen each other clearly, and seen each other whole. There has been no disillusionment, because there was never any illusion. That is why I am untroubled at confessing that I married for money.

It has worked. And that is why I sign myself.

An Unrepentant Husband.

AND now, fifteen years after I made what the popular novelist might call the choice between "romance and riches," I can sit back dispassionately and judge whether there is anything in this superstition that one should not marry for money.

If you are an incurable romantic, or very, very young, read no farther. For what I have to say is the truth, and the truth, perhaps, is fatal to the popularly accepted notions of romance.

Briefly, I was faced fifteen years ago by a very simple choice. I was 27, poor, but with somewhat expensive tastes inherited from a family employed with a small manufacturing concern in a provincial town. I was the export sales manager, and used to make frequent trips to London, which only whetted my expensive tastes still further.

For some time I had been in love with a girl at the tennis club I belonged to, but so far had not said anything to her. I was naturally cautious, and although privately I had a little thought of repressing my real feelings, I had an emphatic disbelief in anything like "love in a cottage."

About this time my employer fell ill, and I used to have to go to his house to report on my business trips. There I met his daughter, and I could sense from the beginning that for some reason which was not apparent to me she welcomed my company more warmly than ordinary social courtesy necessitated.

Although she did not evoke in me any emotion comparable to my feelings for the girl in the tennis club, I liked her as I liked any other presentable young woman.

And then gradually and deliberately I set out to marry her, partly because I felt the time had come when I ought to marry and settle down, but mainly because she was my employer's daughter and would presently inherit the business.

Romantic Illusions

Eventually I asked her to marry me, and she accepted, as I knew she would. But this was only after a great deal of heart-searching on my part.

I had to rid myself of a number of illusions which had been instilled into me by every story I had ever seen. "Don't do it," cautioned the romantic side of my nature, "you can't buy happiness. Remember that in marriage love is all important!"

"Fiddlesticks!" countered the practical side of my nature. "Look at this thing squarely, and dispassionately, as you would at a business problem. Being in love is not so important a constituent of marriage, anyway. Love dies—and what then? You create your own happiness after that. And if money cannot buy happiness the absence of money can destroy it, particularly for a man like you."

The practical side of my nature won.

But even on my wedding day I had qualms. I looked at my wife-to-be and made a mental resolve that I would make more than moral efforts to assure her happiness.

Bishop Defends Hatless Women

And Says It Is "Perverse" To Stop Them From Entering A Church



Kay Francis, is considered to be the best-dressed woman on the American stage. She is shown with a medal she received for her good taste.

1,919 Coins To Pay A Speed Fine And He Was A Farthing Short

A canvas bag containing 1,919 copper coins was slapped in front of Southern Police Court clerk recently by George William Smith, local "Wall of Death" rider, in payment of a £5 speeding fine.

"You can't pay like that," the clerk said. Smith was told to wait till the court closed.

Later he was directed to go to an adjoining room and count the copper coins, two policemen acting as checkers.

The count disclosed that the bag contained 900 pennies and 950 farthings—one farthing short of £5.

When Smith returned to court his case was adjourned for a week.

Smith rode away on a penny-farthing bicycle.

[Copper is legal tender for sums to one shilling and silver to £2.]

Army Giving Up The Sword

FOR CEREMONIAL ONLY
By A Military Correspondent

The days of the sword as a weapon are numbered. The lance of the Lancers was withdrawn from service eight years ago. To-day the sword is losing its authority as an effective instrument of war.

"Swords will be carried on active service and in 'marching order' by officers serving in cavalry regiments only." My authority for that statement is the latest edition of "Dress Regulations."

Subject to that proviso, swords will be carried on parades and duties unless otherwise directed. Swords will continue in use for ceremonial occasions, but the "competent authority" state that swords will not be worn on board ship, at mess, or at state dinners, except by the Westsahire Regiment, where the orderly officer and captain of the week may wear swords with mess dress.

By amalgamation and conversion our horded Cavalry Regiments of the Line have been reduced, since the Great War, to ten. There are two Armoured Cavalry Regiments designated "cavalry" and eight other regiments have been converted or are in the course of conversion to Light Tank or other type of mechanised unit.

AGE OF ANACHRONISMS

There are so many anachronisms in the Army to-day as to make it difficult to decide what exactly is meant by "officers serving in cavalry regiments." The elimination of the horse for the petrol machine will, in any event, reduce very considerably the personnel armed with the sword. As for the ten horded regiments remaining, they will be employed in future either as divisional or army troops as circumstances require.

Shock action cavalry is an operation of the past. Close reconnaissance will be their principal role. Hence the passing of the sword as a general arm for mounted troops when employed in the active field.

The sword is also a "check number" in the infantry. But the sword will have its ceremonial uses in peace in much the same way as the wearing of spurs by officers of the Tank Corps, armoured car regiments, mechanised artillery, and Educational Corps.

The Admiralty last month decided that the cutlass was no longer to form part of the equipment of men landed for service. Its employment at ceremonial parades and at funerals will, however, continue unchanged.

Thinks The Bible Has Been Misinterpreted

IS it wrong for a woman not to wear a hat in church? Some Churchmen think it is; others think it is not. The latest pronouncement is by the Bishop of Ely, who thinks that people who insist that a woman's head shall be covered have perversely misinterpreted St. Paul.

What The Bible Says— What The Bishop Says—

TWO verses from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, chapter xi:—
5. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head.
13. Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered?

SCIENCE IN THE LAUNDRY WASHING IS AN ART TO-DAY

HARSH words often rise to your lips when you put on a clean shirt: the material has shrunk, the collar pinches your throat, the buttons are broken, the cuffs are frayed—and you blame the laundry.

You are wrong. Modern laundries are conducted like scientific laboratories. Your shirt is subjected to treatment as carefully rehearsed and as thoroughly tested as if it were a patient that had been sent to hospital.

It is washed in water just short of boiling point, but coloured foods do best in water at 112 degrees Fahrenheit and woollens in water barely above blood-heat.

THE REASON WHY
That yellow-bordered tea-cloth you liked so much came to pieces in your hand not because the laundry had used "chemicals," but because the yellow dye set up chemical action fatal to the cloth while it was being washed.

That bath-room curtain with its gay red border faded because light acted on the red tint during the laundering.

These things and many others

DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

PERHAPS NOTHING WILL SO MUCH HASTEN THE TIME WHEN BODY AND MIND WILL BOTH BE ADEQUATELY CARED FOR, AS A DIFFUSION OF THE BELIEF THAT PRESERVATION OF HEALTH IS A DUTY. ALL BREACHES OF THE LAWS OF HEALTH ARE PHYSICAL SINS.—Herbert Spencer.

Brought on remand, before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mak Woo was further remanded for 24 hours to see if he is fit for carrying for having snatched a handbag from Mrs. Mann of No. 2 Kennedy Road, "E" Block, on Christmas Eve.

While the ferry launch Man Yeung was under way from Hongkong to the Jordan Road Pier at 9.45 last night, the alarm was given that a man had fallen overboard. The ferry was put about, and a search made of the locality, but no trace of anyone was found.

The Management of the Hongkong Hotel advises that there will be no tea dance in the Roof Garden of that establishment on December 31, but a special tea dance will take place on Friday, January 1, when entertainment will be provided. The charge on this occasion will be \$2 per person.

The health bulletin of the Eastern Ports for the week ended December 19 shows the following cases of infectious diseases: Plague—Bassett 1 case; Cholera—Calcutta 15 cases; Typhoid—Bombay 3 cases; Chittagong 3 cases; Small-pox—Bombay 1 case; Calcutta 1 case; Karachi 5 cases; Moulin 8 cases; Chittagong 8 cases and Shanghai 42 cases.

For snatching a money box from an old woman store-keeper three days ago, Chan Yau, aged 24, was sentenced to three months' hard labour when he appeared on remand before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning. Defendant, who has a very bad police record, is to be kept under police supervision for two years after his prison term.

A woman named Liu Wong and a man named Ho Man were brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning on charges of (a) possession of 24 inches of prepared opium—No. 12 Wyndham Street, and (b) possession of 30 tablets of raw opium at the above address. The case was remanded for 24 hours. Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for both defendants.



Hyrom Barnett Zaharoff, a 67 years old bootmaker, declares he is the son of the late Sir Basil Zaharoff and consequently legal heir to all his millions. He is seen repairing shoes in his little shop in London.

Army's Best Cook JOINED IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE

(By A Correspondent.)

Aldershot, Dec. 15. Sergeant Lovelidge drew himself up to his full height and announced in parade-ground voice: "Liver and bacon! as you were—kidneys and bacon!"

The Army Cookery Championships, which have ended the Aldershot Command one of the most strenuous weeks in its history, were coming to an end.

In an adjoining kitchen five teams from Territorial Regiments were bending earnestly over five smoking stoves in the finals of their Shield; further off in a Mess Room the prizes and diplomas for the whole Army were awaiting distribution; meanwhile Sergeant Lovelidge and others were showing us what Army cooks can do.

The results would have caused a West End chef to open his eyes and raise expressive hands.

On a long sideboard lay every conceivable dish from soup to poultry, together with many others peculiar to the Army, such as "Partridge Surprise" and "Crimoline Lady adorned with Sweetmeats"—all done by men who had, for the most part, never touched a ladle in their lives before they passed through the intensive course of the Army School of Cookery.

700 COOKS A YEAR
Aided, however, by large "mops" of the carcasses of animals hung on the walls, by enthusiastic instructors and numerous books, over 700 cooks are being turned out each year to ensure that the Forces are better fed than they have ever been.

Even the grimmer side of food—the "emergency rations" issued in time of war—has been transformed into pleasant looking "chocolate" which tastes like cocoa, and is so concentrated that one piece is the equivalent of a meal.

Champion cook of the whole Army was young Robert Hollingsworth, of the 2nd Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, who has been in the Army for two years and joined, he told me, "in search of adventure."

The Army Challenge Shield was won for the first time by the Royal Army Service Corps, and the Territorial Shield by the 4th Battalion, The Prince of Wales Volunteers, with a team consisting in private life, of an unemployed miner, a postman, a lorry driver, a hard carrier, and a wire drawer.

BEST FED ARMY
Sergeant Rodgers, the miner, never cooks in private life, he assured me earnestly, "except when the missus is out."

Declared Major-General M. G. Tavor, who distributed the prizes, amid loud applause: "We are now the best fed Army in the world. The cook in the Army is doing as much as or even more than, the man who fires the gun."

If it is a true saying that an Army marches on its stomach, then the British Army must be marching as no force has ever done in history.

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4.7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7 p.m. Alfredo Campoli and His Concert Orchestra.

Old Bohemian Town (Marsden and Kennedy); Can Ma (Dwyer and Packer); Teddy Bear's Picnic (Bratton); Romance in moonlight—Selection; Magyar Melodies (Vilmos, air. Percy); Wedding Dance Waltz (Lincke); An Old World Garden—Selection; "With the Classics" (arr. Sidney Crook).

7.30 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Kitty Masters (Vocal).

Piano—"Rose Marie"—Selection; "Poor Little Rich Girl"—Selection; Songs—When the swallows nest again; Sweetheart, let's grow old together; Piano—Sweetheart Joe, The Candy Man; A Cavalcade of Martial Tunes; Song—A melody from the sky; Piano—"Queen of Hearts"—Selection.

8 p.m. Time, Weather, and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Royal Opera Orchestra. Covent Garden.

"Faust"—Ballet Music (Gounod); The "Sleeping Beauty"—Waltz (Tchaltkovsky).

8.25 p.m. From the Studio. A Pianoforte Recital by Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L.

1. Nocturne in B major (Chopin); Prelude in D flat (Chopin); 2. Two movements from the Valse Suite, "Three-Fours," (Coleridge-Taylor); (a) in A flat major; (b) in C minor; 3. Gavotte in D (Balfour Gardiner).

8.40 p.m. A Recital by Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

Funiculi-Funicula (Denza); La Danza (Rossini); La Villanelle (Dell'Acqua).

8.55 p.m. News and Announcements.

9.15 p.m. Light Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.

Algerian Suite (Kotelyby); Remembrance (Mario Meli); Entrance-Reverie (Ganne); O Sole Mio (Di Capua).

9.30 p.m. Light Orchestral Music.

Slavonic Dance No. 10 in E minor (Dvorak); "Careless Rapture"—The Miracle of Nictrow (Temple Ballet Music); (Ivor Novello); Bridge of Lovers (Ivor Novello); Entry of the Boyars—March (Halvorsen); Jealousy—Tango Tzigane (Jacob Gade).

10 p.m. Big Ben. "World Affairs" by Sir Frederick Whyte, K.C.S.I., L.D.

10.15 p.m. Dance Music.

11 p.m. Close Down.



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NO FUSS, NO CEREMONY

AT 10 o'clock one morning recently 40 workmen stood beside an empty berth in Brown's shipyard, Clydebank.

Orders to begin work were given by Mr. Donald M. Skiffington, yard manager, and two foremen superintend the work.

A steam crane lifted a steel plate 300 feet long; carried it a few yards, and laid it on red pine blocks at the bottom of the berth.

Men levered the plate with great bars into the exact position marked out for it.

In this manner, without fuss or ceremony, the first plate of the keel of the Cunarder, Number 552, sister ship of the Queen Mary and the greatest liner the world has known, was laid.

PROBABLE CHANGES
Platers and drillers worked for three months on the high-tensile-steel plates, boring thousands of rivet holes and shaping the plates.

The bow and stern parts of the keel will be laid later, as changes will probably be made in their design as the result of continuous experiments carried out by the designers in a tank.

The keel will be built on a gradual curve, calculated so that it will assume a level horizontal line when the weight of engines and boilers has been added.



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\$40,000 Swimming Bath Project At U. S. R. C.

Mrs. N. Wilson Retains Colony Tennis Title

MEMBERS TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST

Decision In January

(By "Veritas")

With a site chosen and plans prepared, members of the United Services Recreation Club are now considering whether they are willing to finance a project for the erection of a \$40,000 swimming pool.

Present indications appear to be in the negative, though as yet only one third of the members have replied to the circular soliciting for their opinions, and the remainder have still up to January 5 to make their response.

I am told that, unless there is a majority in favour of the scheme, and willing to support its financing, the whole thing will be held in abeyance indefinitely.

If, by increased subscriptions and other forms of monetary contributions, the members are willing to finance the project, the swimming bath, modern in every detail, will be built on a site in the club's spacious grounds. Plans have been prepared and approved and an estimated cost is \$40,000.

The entire membership of the club has been circulated to discover the feeling regarding the financing of the scheme, and a definite statement is expected to be available to members after the next Finance Committee meeting on January 8.

In the meantime U.S.R.C. members who have not yet replied to the questionnaire, would greatly assist the committee by doing so between now and January 5, as the club is not desirous of taking any step in this important matter without being assured that it has behind its action the support of the majority of members.

IMPORTANT POINT OF FOOTBALL TRAINING

Training a football player physically is child's play compared to the job of getting him keyed up mentally.

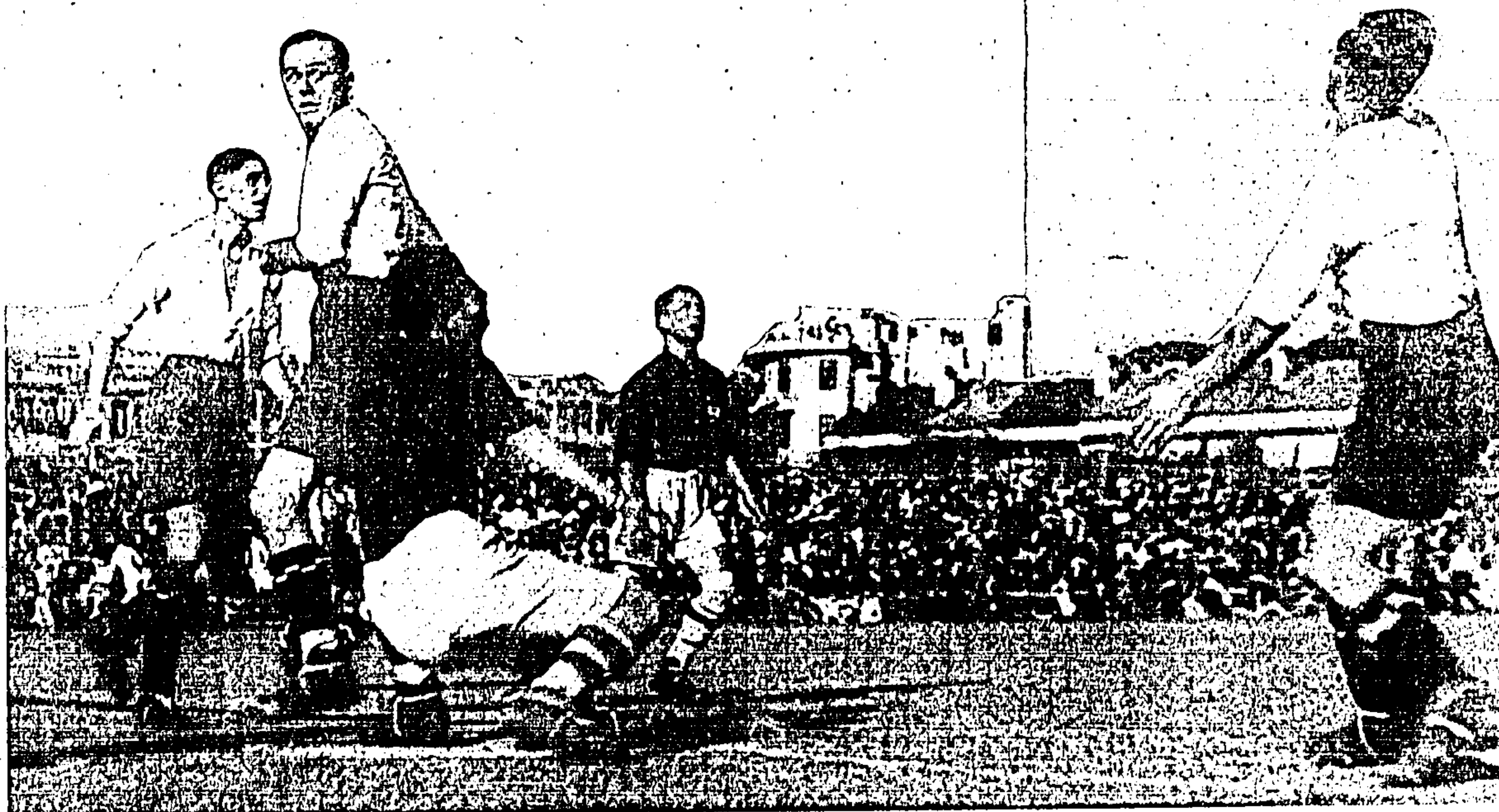
That's the opinion of John P. Smith, coach of Duquesne University. Smith is a firm believer in psychology as a powerful factor in football training.

"Fully 75 per cent. of the task of preparing a team for a game lies in training the players mentally and producing the correct frame of mind," Smith says. "It is much easier to train them physically as it is a tangible thing and any defects are at once apparent, whereas the psychological factor is something you cannot easily remedy."

"Psychology," says Smith, "when used with great care is a potent force which will enable a team to surmount great obstacles. However, a coach must be extremely careful in employing this science, as it often proves to be a boomerang and creates exactly the condition to be avoided."

LOOK OUT YOU ENGLISH DEFENDERS!

A magnificent camera study secured during Saturday's exciting International Charity Cup Match between England and China, showing Swain, England right back heading away from a dangerous attack on his goal. Anxiously watching him is "Sonny" Bliss and Forrow of England, while two of the China forwards are in close attendance. This extraordinary fine action picture was taken by King's Studio.



Clubhouse Chatter

By "Veritas"

ARMY CRICKET NOT YET LOSING LT. CLIVE GARTHWAITE

MILITARY FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL TO-MORROW: TABLE BADMINTON

CRICKETERS in Hongkong will be delighted to know that Lieut. Clive Garthwaite, popular and accomplished all-rounder, and one of the mainstays of the Army cricket team, is not leaving the Colony next month as previously expected. He will remain here until a later draft moves out of Hongkong—probably in April, so that the Army first eleven will enjoy his valuable services for the remainder of the season. Lieut. Garthwaite is one of the best Army cricketers ever to have been stationed in Hongkong. His bowling has more than once been the deciding factor in securing victory for his team, and as a batsman, both in stylishness and in stroke equipment he has few, if any, superiors in the Colony. He has materially improved his batsmanship during the last two years, his placing on the off side of the wicket being more accurate. He is sometimes criticised for insisting on bowling to a leg field, it being argued that this more often than not costs him accuracy. But both as a trundler and a run-getter Garthwaite

is a potential match-winner, and while they boast of his services, the Army cricket team will always be one of the strongest in the league.

Lt. Ravenhill To Stay

ANOTHER Army sportsman whose transference from the Colony has been put back for a few months, is Lieut. Ravenhill, a keen tennis player who figured in the U.S.R.C. league teams last summer. He has done more than that for the United Services tennis. He has been Hon. Secretary of the tennis section for the past twelve months, duties which he has fulfilled to the complete satisfaction of the club's very large membership. Though Lieut. Ravenhill will not be here for next season's tennis league, his many friends in the Colony will be very pleased to know that he is to remain for at least another four months.

Army Soccer Final

TO-MORROW is a big day in Hongkong military football. The final of the Army Championship (Army Football League) is being played on the Kowloon Football Club ground at 2.45 p.m. Headquarters Wing of the East Lancs. and the 22nd Fortress Company, Royal Engineers are the finalists, the former being the Mainland champions and the latter the Island champions. This consummates a most successful league in which no less than 20 units have participated including the 8th Heavy Brigade, R.A., 12th Heavy Brigade, R.A., 20th Heavy Brigade, R.A., 24th Heavy Brigade, R.A., 5th A. A. Brigade, R.A., 7th A. A. Battery, R.A., 9th A. A. Battery, R.A., Hongkong Brigade, I.K. Brigade, H.K.S.R.A., Fortress Royal Engineers, 22nd Fortress Company, R.E., 40th Fortress Company, R.E., Hongkong Signal Section, Royal Ulster Rifles, Royal Welch Fusiliers, East Lancashire, 12th Company, R.A.S.C., 27th Company R.A.M.C., R.A.O.C. and R.A.P.C. After to-morrow's match the challenge cup and souvenirs will be presented to the contestants, while representatives of the 8th A. A. Battery, R.A., C. Company, Royal Welch Fusiliers, and D Company, Royal Ulster Rifles will receive Divisional Championship souvenirs. A big crowd of Army soccer enthusiasts is expected to flock to the Railway Ground to cheer to-morrow's teams.

Our Daily Golf Hint

Faulty footwork and faulty swings are so closely allied they can be referred to as twins.

—Kell Greene.

Dutch Girl Swimmer Sets New World Record

Rotterdam, Dec. 28. Miss Mastenbroek, the Dutch Olympic swimmer, to-day established a new world's record for the 400 metres back stroke, when she swam the distance in five minutes 48 8/10 seconds.

She previously held the record with a swim of five minutes 49 8/10 seconds. —Reuter.

DONOGHUE NOT TO RETIRE YET

Famous Jockey Denies Reports; Will Apply For Licence Again

London. Reports that Steve Donoghue, winner of six Derbys, nine times champion jockey and once a dead-heater with E. C. Elliott, would cease to ride after this season are incorrect.

"I shall apply for my licence to ride next season as usual," he said to Reuter. "In all probability, however, it will be my last year as a jockey, and in the following season I will get up as a trainer. I have had offers of engagements to ride abroad this winter, but, at the moment, I am not inclined to accept."

If Steve rides next season he will be riding in his 54th year. Few, if any, oldtimers could have approached this. The oldest living champion jockey is Charles Wood, who is 62. But he gave up riding at the age of 44.

Table Badminton

YESTERDAY'S announcement in the Telegraph that Table Badminton is being popularised in England, reminded me that this game has long been played in Hongkong, though not among a great number of people. I first came across it at the Fire Brigade social club, where it was being used as a pleasant alternative to table tennis. I also see that complete sets are now on sale in the Colony. There is no reason why it should not become a very popular indoor pastime. It is not cumbersome, neither does one need so much room for moving about as in table tennis. It is a first rate game for developing a keen eye, and it retains much of the fun of its parent game without being quite so strenuous. It has not been adopted generally in the clubs here as yet, but I believe it will be just as soon as players discover how attractive a game it is.

Fight Money Runs High In United States

A prospective million dollar (£200,000) "gate" . . . £80,000 purse for a champion who would not even risk his title. . . These are two of the latest little features from America—features which ordinary Britons sometimes find difficulty in accepting otherwise than with a great deal of reserve.

The sum of £80,000 has been offered to James J. Braddock to meet Joe Louis, the Detroit "bomber" in a ten round contest at Atlantic City (New Jersey) on February 22 of next year.

The man who is confident of a "million dollar gate" is Herman Taylor, well-known Philadelphia promoter.

Apparently £80,000 is not always a sufficient incentive to help make up one's mind, for Joe Louis, Braddock's manager, intimates that he is "interested" but unable to reply definitely without giving the matter further consideration.

OPPONENT MADE FAR TOO MANY MISTAKES

Hard-Hitting Match

Mrs. Nora Wilson yesterday retained her Colony singles tennis title by defeating Mrs. W. E. Dowling in the final of the 1936 championship 6-1, 6-2.

It was a victory rendered simple by the continuous errors which came from Mrs. Dowling's racket. Though her shots were made indifferently, and there was no necessity for Mrs. Wilson to try and force matters. She merely had to wait for the next mistake to come from the other side of the net.

It was a pity Mrs. Dowling could not tone down her enthusiasm a little, as she looked capable of extending the winner to the utmost. Some of her drives were brilliant and defied response from Mrs. Wilson, but it required much more consistency off the ground to break up such a sound game as that of the champion's.

The tennis generally was spectacular rather than skilful, the rallies being short and sharp due to the players' powerful hitting. Mrs. Wilson was a worthy retainer of the title, and Mrs. Dowling a courageous challenger.

The following list shows the winners of the championship since its inception 15 years ago.

- 1921 Mrs. Bowden Smith
- 1922 Mrs. Armstrong
- 1923 Miss P. Grace
- 1924 Miss D. Rudge
- 1925 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham
- 1926 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham
- 1927 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham
- 1928 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham
- 1929 Mrs. R. E. Tottenham
- 1930 Miss Enid Lo
- 1931 Miss Enid Lo
- 1932 Miss Enid Lo
- 1933 Mrs. C. F. F. James
- 1934 Mrs. J. E. Kaye
- 1935 Mrs. Nora Wilson
- 1936 Mrs. Nora Wilson

RETURNING HOME

Horace Lindrum's Decision

Horace Lindrum, the young Australian billiards and snooker professional, who has been in England for a year, is to return home at the end of the present season.

"Lately my health has not been normal," he said, "and I feel that the strain of competition has affected me. I want a change, and my native climate should do me good. I have had a happy time here. I shall not be back for the 1937-38 season, but I want to come back later and bring my mother with me. Perhaps we shall domicile here."

BADMINTON

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. PROGRAMME IN "A" DIVISION

The official fixture list for the Chinese Y.M.C.A. who have been transferred from the "B" Division to the "A" Division of the Hongkong Badminton League has been issued. The matches in no way affect the fixtures set out in the official handbook, but are additional to them.

The Chinese "Y" open their new programme on Monday next with a home match against Recreio "B"—a match which will indicate how the newcomers are likely to fare in the senior division.

The complete programme for the season follows.

- CHINESE Y.M.C.A.
- January 4.—versus Recreio "B" (home).
- January 11.—versus Free Lancers (away).
- January 25.—versus Recreio "A" (away).
- February 1.—versus St. Andrew's "A" (home).
- February 8.—versus Chinese R.C. (away).
- February 22.—versus Chinese R.C. (home).
- March 1.—versus St. Andrew's "A" (away).
- March 8.—versus Recreio "A" (home).
- March 15.—versus Free Lancers (home).
- March 17.—versus University "A" (away).
- March 24.—versus University "B" (home).
- March 29.—versus Recreio "B" (away).
- April 2.—versus University "A" (home).
- April 5.—versus University "B" (away).

CHINA TO FOSTER HER ATHLETES

WORLD OLYMPIAD COMMITTEE

Nanking, Dec. 23. That the Chinese Embassy in London should be requested to offer a part-time job to Mr. Kuo Sin-ke, Chinese tennis star now visiting in Europe, in order to enable him to go to college in England, was decided at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the China National Amateur Athletic Federation held here this morning.

Presided over by Dr. Chang Pong, President of Nankai University and Chairman of the board, the meeting also decided to invite Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Finance, and Mr. William L. Sung, Secretary-General of the Association, to be new members of the China World Olympiad Committee. It was also decided at the meeting to submit a petition to the Central Government asking for the appropriation of ordinary funds to the board for next year. The meeting was attended by Dr. C. T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador-designate to America, Mr. Gunson Hok, Superintendent of Physical Education of the Ministry of Education, and others.

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SHOULD GOLFERS BE RESTRICTED IN THE NUMBER OF CLUBS THEY USE?

Since the President of the United States Golf Association announced, a year ago, that, unless players restricted voluntarily the number of clubs carried, legislative action would be taken, the question of restriction has been a hot topic at the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews. It is contemplated similar measures.

At present, there is nothing in the nature of a concrete proposal, though several suggestions have been made as to the maximum number of clubs a player should be permitted to take round with him, not necessarily carried by himself. Obviously, if there were no caddies, the question of restriction would not arise, for it is impossible to imagine any player dragging round a bag containing 20 to 24 clubs, a number not unusual in the case of many famous players, mostly Americans.

Personally, I am opposed to any form of restriction, because of the blow that is struck at the fundamental principle of the liberty of the subject. If a player wishes to be accompanied by a "walking caddy," let him, besides, no harm in being done to anyone, except, perhaps, to the caddy, and he, moreover, has the last word when it comes to a question of overloading. That he is not by any means a dumb creature, to be exploited at will, is shown by many of the conversations I have overheard between caddy and employer.

"Don't you think we can leave a few of these behind, sir?" is not an infrequent observation, and in the end the caddy generally has his way. Only the other day, at a well-known London club, I came across a rare instance of an adept employer. "Very well, sir," said the caddy respectfully, "I cannot carry for you," and as the other caddies were not prepared to backleg, the player had no option but to give way.

He was left with thirteen clubs, six being left behind, together with an extra sweater, a pair of shoes, and an umbrella. In another instance, the difficulty was overcome by the employer, a somewhat difficult person, saying, "Then we will have two caddies." So off they went, one carrying the "extras" such as clothes and the various grades of mangle-nibbles and nibblers—six in all. In many of his championships in this country, I have employed two caddies, one who acted as a fore-caddy and also carried the "extras." The question of a reduction in armaments is not a new one, the cry of "too many clubs" having been raised many times in the last few years. Apart from interference with the liberty of the player, the question affects seriously the manufacturing side of golf.

TRADE DISTURBANCES

Countless thousands of clubs are made in this country every year, quantities of which are exported to every part of the world; and any restrictive measures on a player's equipment would have repercussions in many directions. The heavy financial losses, and trade disturbances, would heavily outweigh any possible advantages that might accrue from restriction, the only tangible one being that the caddy would have a little less weight to carry.

The belief is that if the Royal and Ancient decides to introduce restrictive measures, which could only apply to the championships under their direct control, they will have reference to the number of iron clubs a player is to carry, or be carried, and that the wooden clubs would not be interfered with. It is in the iron clubs that golfers have of recent years greatly increased their equipment, though some now carry as many as six woods—two drivers (medium and whippy shaft); two brasses (heavy and light); and two spoons (flat and rounded sole).

If restriction is in the realms of practical politics, the question arises:

"To what number should the irons be limited?" It is the view of several distinguished players that ten is ample for any purpose and for any course. Allowing three woods—driver, brassie, and spoon—this would leave six irons and a putter. Some people will say: "Quite enough, too; in fact, far too many." Personally, I disagree.

CLUBS TO DISAPPEAR

Of the present modern sets of matched iron clubs, numbered from one to ten, including a sand-wedge niblick, which has become extremely popular, four would necessarily have to disappear. To decide on which four would not be an easy matter. The first to go would, I suppose, be the No. 1, a useful implement in the hands of the good player, but not often used by the double-figure handicap man, who relies on the spoon to take his place.

As the Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5 would retain their places, the player would have to choose between the 6 (spade-niblick), 7 (mangle-niblick), 8 (deeper and more lofted mangle-niblick), 9 (ordinary niblick), and 10 (sand-wedge or "blaster," as it is called in America) for the remaining two clubs to make up the complement of ten. In most cases the two retained would, I think, be No. 7 and either 9 or 10, probably the latter.

In my opinion, supposing restriction is to be imposed, which I sincerely trust will not, the ideal number of clubs is thirteen—three woods, nine irons, and a putter. The present sets of irons I would drop the No. 9, as the shots for which it is intended can be played with either No. 8 or No. 10. But it is not certain that No. 10 (sand-wedge) will long be a legal implement, for it is contended that the huge wedge of metal at the sole of the club makes for a mechanical rather than a skillful shot.

THE SAND-WEDGE

It is true that recovery from bunkers is made easier by use of the sand-wedge club, but I fail to see why this should be a bar to its use, for anything that adds to the enjoyment of the golfer, and helps to make the round more pleasant, is, in my view, altogether desirable. Unfortunately, too many people think only in terms of the expert, and forget entirely the great army of handicap players who are the bulwark of the game, and play at it purely for amusement and relaxation.

It is the same with the ball. "Let us have a ball (say the reformers) which the expert, and the slogger, cannot hit so far; they are ruining the game." Again, they forget that the average player cannot hit the present ball far enough, and that there is no fear he will ever ruin the game by reason of the distance he gets, or is ever likely to get.

In the process of evolution, golf has become an intensely fascinating game played by millions of people in all parts of the inhabited globe. Why place a check on progress and evolution? If players in their vanity, or whatever the reason may be, wish to carry a battery of clubs, by all means let them do so; in all probability, they will play neither worse nor better, because of a set of irons numbered from one to ten with various intermediaries like the 4X, 5X, 7X, and "chippie" bringing the number of completed set up to sixteen.

The average golfer need not be unduly alarmed, for if restriction does come it will only apply to the championships over which the R. and A. has jurisdiction, and not to club and ordinary tournaments and competitions. It is scarcely conceivable that, in a friendly match, a player will say to another, "Look here, you are carrying more than the permitted number of clubs; you are disqualified." M. W.



COX (3 FT.)—AND COACH

Here is 3ft H.V.P. Massey, cox of the Oxford trial Varsity boat race crew, snapped together with Coach J. C. Cherry.

KID BERG TO MAKE COMEBACK ATTEMPT

"Still Years Of Boxing In Me," He Declares

London. Jack (Kid) Berg is coming to the ring. He says that the urge to fight has got the better of him, and that he will come back to the ring, this time as a welter-weight. Berg is one of the few men who really enjoys a scrap, and he has had some pretty fierce fights in his day.

"I feel sure that I can regain my old form," he said, "I am only 27 years of age, in the prime of life, and there are still years of boxing in me. It is my intention to take part in contests with second, even third-class lads, boxing as often as possible, until the time arrives when I can once again meet the world's best."

Buffalo, N.Y. State. Jimmy Clark, the negro Olympic boxer, won his first fight as a professional here, but his opponent, Paul Mahoney, a local fighter, has disputed the decision.

He says he only heard the referee count up to nine.

The disputed knockout occurred in the third round. Clark appeared to have won the previous two rounds.

At Mahoney's request, a rematch has been arranged. Clark readily assented to another fight.

"I can knock out Mahoney any night in the week," he said to the promoter.—Reuter.

OXFORD'S CHANCES REALLY GREATER Prospects Are Bright

The greater interest taken recently in the Oxford trials at Henley than in those at Cambridge probably signifies that although people cannot give Oxford many more chances to stop the rot, word has gone round that something is likely to happen at last, writes a correspondent of the Evening Standard.

For example, Oxford have taken to swiftness. Although too much has been made of rowlocks in the past, this change does show a spirit of enterprise and determination previously lacking. Some crews row equally well with either rowlock, but Oxford, having failed so dismally with fixed pins, could surely have experimented earlier.

Another good portent is that the new Oxford president, J. S. Lewis, is a man of great popularity and real personality. And more depends upon this when a crew goes into strict training than is ever realized by the towpath critics.

SIX OLD BLUES

Lewes has six old Blues, whereas Cambridge have three. These three all rowed in the Olympic Games, but oddly enough were not by any means the pick of last year's boat race crew. All the old Blues available at Oxford—M. G. C. Ashby, K. V. Garside, D. M. de R. Winsor, D. R. B. Mynors, J. C. Cherry, and Lewes himself—may not be chosen but their presence is bound to stimulate competition.

Then, too, Ortel, who for years have been the most advanced and successful rowing college at Oxford, have gained recognition at last. As a result stroke and seven in "A" crew, who were A. B. Hodgson and G. Huss, were used to each other's methods, and should be watched from now on.

A lot of publicity will come the way of H. P. V. Massey, the smallest man on his steering on Saturday, but on all certain to be seen at Putney.

THE COACHES

Dr. Pat Mallum, who rowed three times in the race and was at bow when Oxford last won is now in practice at Oxford and is to start the duties of coaching. Oxford mean to give swiftness a thoroughly good trial, and Mr. Charles Rew has been asked to make periodic visits to advise on their proper technique. Another new coach, Mr. "Gully" Nickalls will follow, and Mr. Reibbone, who certainly had the right manner last year, will again wind up.

At Cambridge, "Two-legs" Hellyer and Mr. Kenneth Paine, who coached the Olympic crew, have been asked to help, and so has J. R. F. Best, who has not yet coached a University crew, and, indeed, never rowed in one, though he stroked a trial eight very well.

BENNY LYNCH AND HIS TITLES

To Meet Irish & Puerto Rican Champions

London, Nov. 20. Benny Lynch, the Scottish holder of the British, European and world fly-weight championship, will defend his crowns against Jimmy Warnock, the Irish champion, and fight Sixto Escobar, of Puerto Rico, for the world bantamweight title in Glasgow next summer.

Recently a substantial offer was made to Escobar to stake his crown against Lynch in the open air next year, and the Glasgow promoters are hopeful of obtaining the signature of the Puerto Rican.

Jimmy Johnstone, the Madison Square Garden matchmaker, will be a rival in the promotion field. He is hopeful of securing the services of Lynch for a bantamweight championship fight in New York.—Reuter.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL FIXTURES The New Year Programme

The following are the fixtures for the week:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
China v. Rest of the Colony, Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.; Referee, Scruton; Linesmen, K. K. Ip and Finch.

SATURDAY
First Division
Club v. East Lanes, Club ground, 4 p.m.; Referee, Kossick; Linesmen, Cammore and Higham.
Recro v. Navy, King's Park, 4 p.m.; Referee, Jarmain; Linesmen, Lane and Mason.

Second Division
Club v. East Lanes, Club ground, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Clarke.
R.A. (S) v. Navy, Chatham Road, 4 p.m.; Referee, T. Davies.
R.A. (L) v. R.E., M2; Referee, Goodfellow.

Police "C" v. Kowloon "C", Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Gaythorpe.
Eastern v. Kowloon, Navy, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Huxley.

South China v. R.W.F., Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Back.
Third Division
Recro v. R.A.O.C., King's Park, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Perkins.
Liga v. R.A.F., Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Ball.
R.A.M.C. v. R.W.F., M1; Referee, Gomes.

SUNDAY
First Division
St. Joseph's v. South China, "A", Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.; Referee, Randall; Linesmen, Rolfe and Farr.
R.U.R. v. Chinese A.A., Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referee, Richards; Linesmen, Swain and Bond.

Second Division
St. Joseph's v. R.E., Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, Crawford.
Police "C" v. R.A.S.C., Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.; Referee, T. F. Jones.
Police "E" v. Kowloon R., Kowloon, 4 p.m.; Referee, Bromley.
Kwong Wah v. East Lanes, Chatham Road, 4 p.m.; Referee, Cossens.

JUNIOR SHIELD
The Junior Shield match between the R.A.O.C. and R.A. (L) will be played on Wednesday, January 6, at Sookunpoo at 4 p.m. Mr. Mathewson will referee.

PLAYER SUSPENDED
The Emergency Committee of the Hongkong Football Association met yesterday evening to discuss the case of A.A. Rumjahn, of St. Joseph's, who was sent off the field in a Third Division League match against Kwong Wah two weeks ago. After the facts had been heard, the Committee decided to suspend Rumjahn for the rest of the season.

CHARITY FOOTBALL
LEE WAI TONG TO PLAY IN SUYUAN FUND MATCH

Lee Wai-tong, captain of the Chinese Olympic soccer team, who announced his retirement from active football shortly after his return to Hongkong, has agreed to take part in the match arranged between China and the Rest in aid of the Suyuan Refugee Fund.

The game will be played on New Year's Day at Caroline Hill, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The following is China's team: Pau Ka-ping; Leung In-chai, Li Ting-sang; Leung Wing-chiu, Wong Mee-shun, Li Kwok-wai, Tso Kwai-shing, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shiu-wing and Tay Quee-ling.

ARMY LEAGUE FINAL
The final match in the Area Championship (Army Football League) will be played on the Kowloon F.C. ground at 2.45 p.m. to-morrow between H. Q. Wing, East Lanes, (Mainland champions) and 22 Frit. Coy, R.E. (Island champions). Admission to the ground will be free. The Challenge Cup and souvenirs will be presented to the contestants at the conclusion of the match.

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Why? Because golf then was by no means the simple game it is today.

There is Sandy Herd's word for it, and Archie Compston's, too, though he is younger compared with Sandy, who is getting on for seventy now.

Sandy, looking back, remembers the gutty (gutta percha) ball and greens that were like woolly carpets instead of billiard tables.

To-day, he says, there are steel shafts, a club for every kind of shot, and most players have 100 per cent. more clubs in their bags than they did when he was a boy.

"Why, there was a time when I could give a scratch player five or six strokes in a round. I couldn't do it now, in these days of verra, verra minute handicapping. The scratch man is those five or six strokes better than he was when I was a lad."

Archie Compston believes that intensive competition and practice have improved the standard of golf as well as better clubs, courses and balls.

"Years ago," he said, "you'd only see two people practising before a competition. They were Jim Barnes and Archie Compston. Now the courses are little battlegrounds. Golf has become tremendously simplified. The apprenticeship is easier—steel shafts are a great help to the young person taking it up."

WOULDN'T KNOW IT

"In fact, if our grandfathers came back they wouldn't recognise the game."

"The difference between golf now and golf 50 years ago is like the difference between an old stage coach and a modern motor car. It's that much more luxurious, so to speak."

"Mind you, it's the man in the street who is making golf so popular and is taking it so seriously. The chap who can't afford to belong to a private club; the people who go to municipal courses at seven o'clock on a Sunday morning and wait quite happily until 11 before they can drive off."

"The municipal courses are the homes of the artisan golfers—fine players, many of them, with scratch handicaps."

By bringing in the rule that any player with a handicap of one or less may play in the Amateur Championship, the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews has scrapped the "eligibility list" scheme arranged by the four golf unions of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales and which it has previously approved.

The list contained the names of players eligible to play in the championship. Handicaps were not necessarily restricted, and the name of any player not on the list could be put forward by his club for consideration.

Under the new rule any player with a scratch handicap of one or less may enter.

There is a feeling already that it is a mistake.

Said one golf authority: "From the point of view of the Royal and Ancient Club, the idea is excellent, especially financially. Each player pays an entrance fee of two guineas, and I estimate there will be twice as many entries next year as there were this."

"It's a commonplace, too, that a large number of handicap golfers never play to it—or scratch golfers to scratch, for that matter. There was some elasticity about the old 'eligibility list'."

"What I want to know is: how are they going to crowd all the entrants in?"

"The point is that the first players out each day already have to be away by eight o'clock in the morning. Next year they will have to start still earlier or else the meeting will have to be prolonged over its usual week."

SCHMELING SPEAKS OF HIS CHANCES

Confident He Will Beat Braddock

Bremerhaven, Dec. 22. On his arrival here from the United States the German heavy-weight boxing champion, Max Schmeling made a statement on his chances in the forthcoming fight with the world champion James Braddock.

"Braddock, Schmeling said, had a very finished technique and boxed not only with his fists but also with his head. Nevertheless Schmeling was confident of his prospects of beating the reigning champion and retaining the title in June of next year."

Schmeling will return to the United States in the middle of February in order to go on a tour giving exhibition fights starting at Baltimore and ending at Miami. He will then go into training quarters in the mountains near the Canadian frontier.

Jockeys' Dead-Heat Golf

By Diana Fishwick

Ten well-known jockeys, led by Bobby Jones and with Gordon Richards as their last man, played the match, a large party marking the match, led by Miss Enid Wilson, at the Romford Club (Essex) recently.

Although the handicapping was mostly done by guesswork it worked out satisfactorily on the whole. The match was drawn, each side scoring five points, winning four matches and halving two.

The jockeys have asked for a return match.

Mr. Middlemas, captain of the Romford Club and the owner of the racehorses, organised the match. A large party marking the match was drawn, each side scoring five points, winning four matches and halving two.

Miss Enid Wilson and Bobby Jones played level, but Jones handicapped himself at the starting gate by taking the wrong fence and going out of bounds, and he was ultimately beaten by five and four. Miss Wilson being round in 74.

MORE DEFEATS

Harry Wragg and Fred Lane, each receiving nine strokes, meritoriously defeated Miss Wanda Morgan and Miss Garon. Sam Wragg and Arthur Wragg fell to Miss Phyllis Wade and Miss Garon on 13 and 17 strokes allowance.

Dick Perryman although I was round in 77. He was out in 43 and played very good golf.

M. Hunter lost a vital hole to Miss Craddock Hartopp by putting into his own hat, which had blown off.

The greatest interest centred on Gordon Richards, who defeated Miss Audrey Holmes by one hole.

Richards did some deadly work with a No. 3 iron, and although he took fright at his lead when three up with five to play, he just kept his nose in front till past the post.

Michael Berry was walking round encouraging his runners.

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SHIPS

A MILLION OCEAN MILES
By Sir Edgar T. Britten
(Hutchinson, 8s. 6d.)

SHIPS AND WOMEN
By Bill Adams
(Davies and Dickson, 8s. 6d.)

SIR EDGAR BRITTEN, commander of the Queen Mary, finished his book of reminiscences shortly before his sudden death at Southampton. Bill Adams writes the story of his sea life from the shore to which he was compulsorily retired through ill-health.

Yet, though their lives were very different, their stories have a common base of understanding of men, of a love for the ocean which gave them their living and of a true seaman-like quality.

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Sir Edgar Britten solved this problem so well that passengers fought for the privilege of sailing with him, and, in this summary of his career, he tells stories which show unconsciously why he was one of the most popular masters the Cunard Line ever had.

The book should have a large sale with all who follow, or who are interested in, life at sea today, and the chapter on submarine losses during the war is full of interest, especially to the thousands mentioned in it.

There are yachts, too, of card-sharps, pleasure cruises, troopships and storms and gales—all the adventures which come the way of an ocean wanderer. And the volume closes with a short description of the sea funeral which Captain Britten had always desired.

BOOKS of the Week

EDITED BY ROGER PIPPETT

Bill Adams has been known for some time as a writer of short stories about the sea.

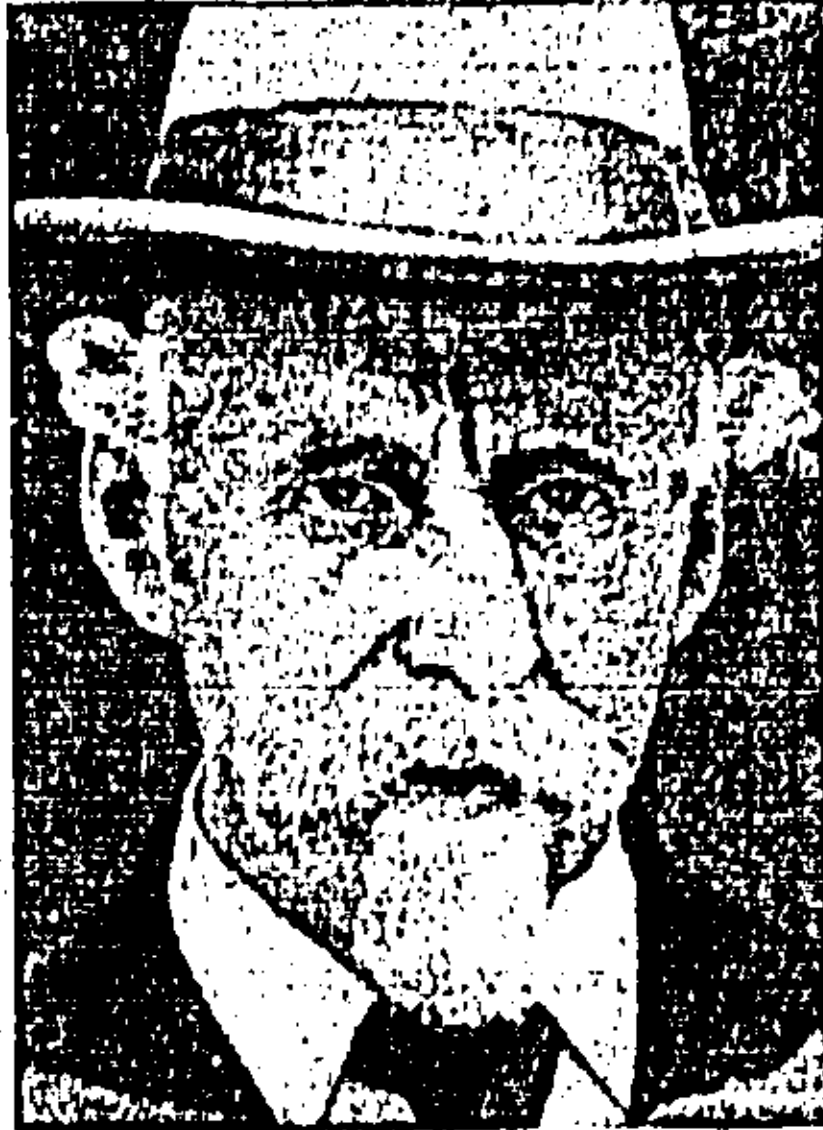
This autobiography in his first full-length work. It tells the story of his apprenticeship in sail, of a day which has gone, and tells it in a thrilling series of episodes.

To go through it is like taking a four-year trip round the world. It is frank and, in places, crude, but it is the real stuff—none of your heroics, just an unvarnished, very readable account of what it used to be like to be off the Horn in a howling gale, undermanned, with the sails in rags and living on hard tack and poor coffee all the time.

There are adventures in strange ports and a grand story of how, for four hours, Bill Adams stuck by the wheel, all hands busy and no one to relieve him, with the binocular light put out by a heavy sea so that he had to steer by the feel of the wind on his neck in a howling gale in which three degrees of her course would have capitalized her.

The book is like a breeze in the mouth.

R. O. J.



The late PETER LEE

MINER

PETER LEE
By Jack Lawson, M.P.
(Hodder and Stoughton, 5s.)

NO one who met Peter Lee, the tall, handsome miners' leader, whom, because of a certain likeness, his friends called "Old Shakespeare," is likely to forget him. And Mr. Lawson has seen to it that no one who reads this affectionate and most human biography will forget him, too.

He was born seventy-two years ago in Duff Heath Row, Five Houses, Trimdon Grange, Durham. At ten he began work as a pit-pony driver. And before he died in 1935 he had helped to change the face of the grey North-East.

"Peter Lee was always late in finding his place."

He was nearly forty years of age when he really came to solid public work, fifty-five when he was elected to the chair of the Durham County Council. Fifty-six when he became a miners' agent, sixty-six before he was General Secretary of the Durham Miners' Association and nearly seventy on his election to the Presidency of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain.

His earliest memories were of moving from village to village, "viewing our English lanes from the top of a wagonload of furniture or sliding behind the wagon on a cold winter's day." Restlessly his father went from colliery to colliery. In twenty-two years the little home was sold twenty-one times, crossing from Durham to Lancashire and back over the Pennines.

As a young man, Peter Lee wandered farther still—to the United States and to the Rand—before he settled down to serve his own people.

Those were the days when working men carried dog-eared and heavily pencilled copies of *Britain for the British* and *Merrill England* in their pockets, reading them everywhere. When "staid Trade Union leaders demanded that 'Unions should be kept out of politics' when Peter Lee saw his work clear before him on the Rural and County Councils.

And, at last, in 1919, when Labour swept the county and the workers were called on to govern for the first time in the history of our local administration, there was only one man whom they wished to lead them—Peter Lee. Some of Mr. Lawson's most significant chapters are devoted to the sequel and its success.

But in all these pages the man is shown clearly against the compelling background of his mission.

Peter Lee spending his honeymoon at the coal-face ("I stand here as President of your great organization," he told the miners years later, "because of the love of two women, my mother and my wife"), living so sparingly that, in accepting expenses for official duties, he felt he was "lowering his flag," laughing at the furious attacks on him in the papers.

Falling ill during the Gresford inquiry, he said, "I just want to get better in time for the next stage. I know where that explosion started, and I want to get into that pit." Not long afterwards he died—and his legend lives on.

If anything could stir listless social consciences, it is such a life story as this, told simply and straightforwardly, with no faked high lights and no pretensions.

Well may Mr. Lawson write, "If historians knew as much about the deeds of the black armies which have tunneled the northern regions to build this civilization of steel, as they know about the Alps with his troops, would not seem quite so romantic."

For, in the shade of the Peter Lee, the little corporal does not look romantic at all.

R. P.

RURAL

A TRAVELLER AMONG THE FARMS.
By Freda Derrick
(Allen and Unwin, 6s.)

I F I were asked to sum up in one word the quality of this little book of one hundred and sixty-four pages, I should choose "fragrance."

It is fragrant of a forgotten England and Wales, a real countryside that still lingers in parts that have never encountered a main road, districts where windmills and water-mills may be found passing in silent dignity to their end with the little barns and the ancient cottages that county authorities would find destroy but can never adequately replace.

A clergyman's daughter, the author travelled the byways on a bicycle with but little in her pocket, and, perhaps because she was ill provided with the world's goods, the villages she saw were no better off, opened their homes and hearts to her.

Her story is simple, and its illustrations are her own—mills and barns, farms and market halls, cottages and blacksmiths' forges, the porch of a farm, a farm worker's kitchen, a bake-house, all simple drawings enough, but touched with fine lines of appreciation and sympathy.

Well done, Miss Derrick!

S. L. BENSUSAN.

Fact SHORTS Fiction

MEMORIES OF JOHN GALS-WORTHY, by M. E. Reynolds (Robert Hale, 5s.). In which the sister of the creator of the Forsytes recalls him in the days of his youth and the years of his prime. A life of "amazing sanity." With many interesting family photographs.

ANGLING YARNS, by E. Marshall-Hardy (Herbert Jenkins, 3s. 6d.). Of the "Blissful Ignorance" of two fishermen, of a Keeper, a Potato and Some Carp, the Trout That Gave Itself Up, and many other strange happenings. Not forgetting the Goldfish that Drowned and the Pike That Lived.

KENT, by Arthur Mee (Hodder and Stoughton, 10s. 6d.). Being another chapter in a new Domesday Book of ten thousand English villages and towns. From Allington to Yalding the county is painstakingly but attractively covered. With numerous illustrations.

WILD HARBOUR, by Ian Macpherson (Methuen, 7s. 6d.). When the first guns boom in the next war Hugh and his wife hide in a cave in the Highlands. Food is scarce and bandits rove. A gripping story, frankly raising the question: Can we, and should we, attempt to stand outside the conflict?

TWO YEARS TO LIVE, by Alberto (Alberto, 5s. 6d.). A young Christian in Rome in the fourth century is convinced that his life has been saved by a miracle—but only for two years. This is the story of his revolt and his acceptance of this fate.

THE SONG IN THE HOUSE, by Ann Bridge (Chatto and Windus, 7s. 6d.). Short stories in varied settings, from China to Switzerland. A sure but delicate touch and a strong feeling for the uncanny, not to say macabre. Verelst.

CASES

SIR TRAVERS HUMPHREYS
By Bechofer Roberts
(John Lane, 15s.)

THE FAMOUS CASES OF SIR
BERNARD SPILSBURY
By Leslie Randall
(Ivor Nicholson and Watton, 8s. 6d.)

HERE are two books which will be pored over for hours by those who are interested in criminology—one about a great advocate and a great judge, the other about a figure who has become almost legendary as being concerned with the conviction of many of the murderers who have gone to the gallows in the last twenty years and more.

No one, we are told, has an experience of murder cases that even approaches Sir Bernard's. Mr. Randall puts the number of them into the hundreds and his post-mortem examinations into many thousands.

The author has told graphically and with obvious knowledge the stories of some of the most outstanding ones. But not the least interesting part of the book is that which deals with the famous "scientist-detective" himself.

He has never, it appears, allowed himself to be ruled by the inference, sometimes made by defending counsel, that he is a professional witness for the prosecution. And then we learn that every year he is called in on hundreds of cases because his opinions have been asked, that again and again he has dispelled the suspicion and that in these cases he is virtually a witness—and a decisive witness—for the defence.

If you want cases and plenty of them, told dramatically and with a wealth of detail turn to Bechofer Roberts' volume.

Seddon, Bywaters and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. A. Brown and Kennedy, Rouse, Leopold Harris, Mrs. Rattenbury and Stoner—these are only a few of the multitude of names concerned in famous trials that are plentifully spread out. The cases amount to nearly a hundred, and they are presented with an admirable mixture of discernment and vividness.

Here, again, is a book which gives many interesting glimpses of the real personality of its subject.

H. R. S. P.

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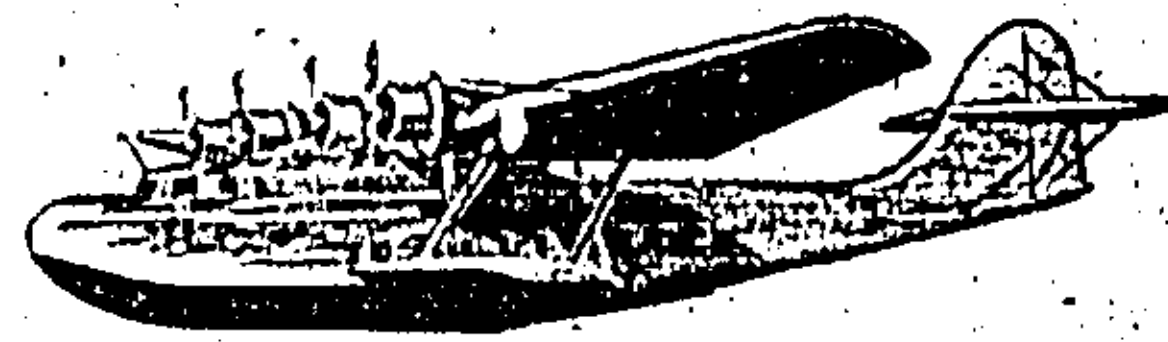
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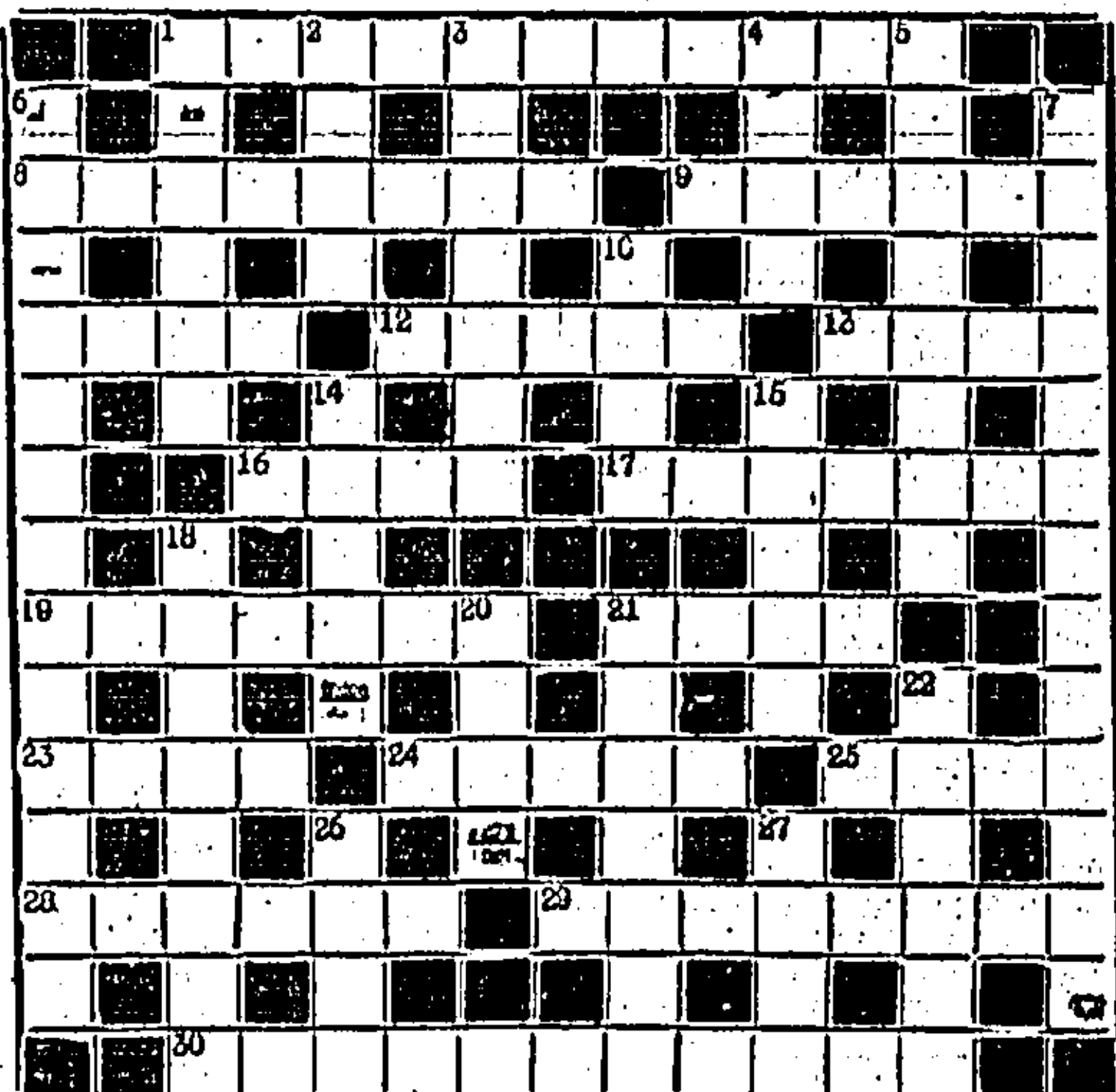
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ACROSS

- Nippy.
- Colour nothing that has been borrowed: it's scented.
- It is necessary to interfere here, and one is reminded of the reward of a brave action.
- Why did I catch Umbrian scenes, rather than do pen and ink sketches? (hidden).
- The French join the English in oblivion.
- Stalk.
- Although we suffer it in this country no one really enjoys it as Pierre does.
- You'll see a Scotsman before long: very windy.
- A rascal to drink, and, what's more, sticks it.
- Hidden in Clue 11.
- They wouldn't think much of her in India, I'm afraid.
- Slave dance?
- Winds up many a composition.
- Limited, according to American ideas, in woman, for show.
- Make users bid to make pay-morals.
- Just fancy! red rag being made into something to eat.

DOWN

- Went round and round.
- The bird takes a good number, thus giving you a heap to think about.
- Finished Jack in prison?
- Not freely.
- Treason, with a very obvious issue.
- Striped sixteen (anag.)

- Chemical salts that make a permanent gas.
- Hidden in Clue 11.
- Showing how a considerable number about middle age resemble he-men.
- It isn't very suitable to sleep in it, is it?
- A striking description of carriage horses by Ouida.
- Here you see an English river in the air.
- Part, member from member without schism.
- Shouted out before being decapitated, and even then rowed.
- There's something in front of the vessel: look closely.
- A discreditable, unish, I fear.

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